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Eased public health measures to start March 1

IQALUIT, Nunavut (February 25, 2021) – Today, Nunavut’s Chief Public Health Officer, Dr. Michael Patterson, announced upcoming changes to public health measures for all Qikiqtani, Kitikmeot and Kivalliq communities except Arviat, effective March 1, 2021.

“Based on the current risk of COVID-19 within the territory, we will ease some of our COVID-19 restrictions and take a step forward on *Nunavut’s Path*,” said Dr. Patterson. “I want to take this opportunity to thank Nunavummiut for following the public health measures, because their hard work is one of the key reasons we can make these changes today. Let’s keep it up, so that we can continue ahead on *Nunavut’s Path*, safely.”

As of March 1 in the Qikiqtani and Kitikmeot regions, all schools may open at Stage 1, to full-time, in-classroom learning. All halls, conference spaces, restaurants, bars, theatres, and places of worship may increase to 75 per cent capacity or 100 people, whichever is less. All gyms, fitness centres, pools, libraries, museums, and galleries may open to 25 people or 50 per cent capacity, whichever is less.

In all Kivalliq communities except Arviat, schools may all open at Stage 1. All the other current public health measures in the Kivalliq region remain unchanged.

Anyone who has reason to believe they have been exposed to COVID-19 is advised to call the COVID-hotline at 1-888-975-8601 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. EST, or notify their community health centre right away, and immediately isolate at home for 14 days. Please do not go to the health centre in person.

Full details on the adjusted and continuing public health measures can be found online on March 1 at <https://www.gov.nu.ca/health/information/nunavuts-path>.

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