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One new case of COVID-19 in Arviat

Iqaluit, Nunavut (February 26, 2021) – Today, Nunavut has one new case of COVID-19. There are 26 active cases in the territory, all in Arviat.

“It is important to acknowledge how difficult lockdown has been for the community. I know how hard Arviarmiut are working, and all of Nunavut appreciates and supports your efforts,” said Dr. Michael Patterson, Nunavut’s Chief Public Health Officer. “Progress can be slow, but it’s still progress. Let’s encourage one another to follow all public health measures and to get vaccinated. Thanks to all Nunavummiut for all their efforts over the last 12 months.”

All individuals are doing well, are isolating at home and contact tracing is ongoing. As of February 26, Arviat testing has yielded 2292 negative tests. Nunavut's Rapid Response Team continues to support the community health team. Travel in and out of Arviat remains restricted, unless for emergency or essential purposes.

Arviarmiut who want to receive the COVID-19 vaccine can call their health centre for an appointment. To date, 7276 Nunavummiut have received at least one dose of the Moderna vaccine. Vaccine clinics in the territory are ongoing.

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.

For all the latest information, including the numbers of recovered and active cases per community, go to: https://www.gov.nu.ca/health/information/covid-19-novel-coronavirus.

For the latest information on current public health restrictions, go to: https://www.gov.nu.ca/health/information/nunavuts-path.

For the latest information on Nunavut's COVID-19 vaccination plans, go to: https://gov.nu.ca/health/information/covid-19-vaccination.

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