

News Release

For Immediate Release

One new case of COVID-19 in Arviat

Iqaluit, Nunavut (March 2, 2021) – Today, Nunavut has one new case of COVID-19. There are nine active cases in the territory, all in Arviat. All individuals are doing well, are isolating at home and contact tracing is ongoing.

"Although there is still no evidence of community transmission in Arviat at this time, it is necessary to maintain all current public health measures to slow any additional spread," said Dr. Michael Patterson, Nunavut's Chief Public Health Officer. "I am very pleased with the efforts to date and I encourage everyone to stay strong in their efforts. Arviarmuit, thank you for all your work to keep your community healthy. Please keep going and know your hard work is effective."

As of March 2, Arviat testing has yielded 2360 negative tests. To date, 8066 Nunavummiut have received at least one dose of the Moderna vaccine. Vaccine clinics in the territory are ongoing. Nunavummiut who are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine can call their health centre for an appointment.

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

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

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

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