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Manitoba transfers COVID-19 case counts to Nunavut

Iqaluit, Nunavut (March 17, 2021) – Effective today, Nunavut is reporting 12 cases of COVID-19 that were diagnosed in Manitoba. These new statistics will be reflected in Nunavut's reporting, and include three deaths of Nunavummiut that occurred between December 2020 and January 2021.

"The Government of Nunavut's commitment has always been to be as transparent as possible in all aspects of its response to COVID-19. This includes proper reporting of cases by jurisdiction, as well as a duty to report in the federal data set to ensure cases are not miscounted or lost," said Nunavut's Chief Public Health Office, Dr. Michael Patterson. "Rest assured, these are not new cases and are not linked to current or past outbreaks of COVID-19 in-territory."

Attribution of cases of COVID-19 acquired by Nunavummiut outside the territory will continue to occur on a case-by-case basis. This reporting will be done in co-operation with public health teams in southern jurisdictions. Differences in reporting processes across the country may cause delays in Nunavut's case counts online. The Government of Nunavut continues to strive for timely and accurate reporting of data.

"As we continue to navigate the pandemic, we know there will be shifts in several areas of our response, including new ways of reporting cases," said Premier Joe Savikataaq. "We will always do our very best to ensure the safety and well-being of Nunavummiut. Our condolences go out to all Nunavummiut who have lost loved ones to COVID-19, and you are in our hearts and thoughts."

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