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COVID-19 identified in Arctic Bay

Iqaluit, Nunavut (February 12, 2022) – Dr. Michael Patterson, Nunavut's Chief Public Health Officer is announcing one new case of COVID-19 in Arctic Bay.

"The individual is in isolation and doing well," said Dr. Patterson. "For the time being, current public health measures remain in place and I strongly urge everyone in Arctic Bay to follow them, including the masks mandate," said Dr. Patterson.

As a reminder, the current public health measures in Arctic Bay are as follows:

- Outdoor gatherings are now permitted to 25 people.
- Indoor gatherings in dwellings are now allowed up to five people, plus household members.
- Government, Inuit organizations and all other offices may remain open.
- Schools may remain open.
- Childcare facilities may remain open.
- Indoor public gatherings, including community halls and recreation centres are limited to 25 people or 25 per cent capacity.
- Gyms and fitness centres can stay open to 25 people or 25 per cent capacity for solo workouts only; no group sessions.
- Places of worship are permitted up to 50 people or 25 per cent capacity; no singing allowed.
- Arenas are permitted up to 25 people or 25 per cent capacity, as well as 25 spectators. No team sports allowed.
- All non-essential businesses remain open, including personal services.
- Taxis may have one fare per trip, with mandatory masks.
- Group counselling sessions are open to 10 people.
- Parks and playgrounds may open, but buildings remain closed.
- Masks are mandatory across the territory.

The complete territorial COVID-19 case count will be updated on Monday, February 14, 2022.

Anyone who develops COVID-19 symptoms is advised to call the COVID hotline at 1-888-975-8601 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. EDT or notify their community health centre right away by telephone. Please do not go to the health centre in person.

COVID-19 vaccines are available to all Nunavummiut aged 5 and older and boosters are available for anyone 12 years and older. Contact your health centre to make an appointment. For all the latest information on COVID-19 in Nunavut, go to: https://www.gov.nu.ca/

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