

# News Release

**For Immediate Release**

## Schools closed in Taloyoak until February 7

**Iqaluit, Nunavut (January 27, 2022)** – Dr. Michael Patterson, Nunavut's Chief Public Health Officer is announcing the closure of the school in Taloyoak effective immediately, until February 7, 2022.

“Contact tracing has identified an increased risk of exposure to COVID-19 to the student population,” said Dr. Patterson. “To reduce the risk of COVID-19 spreading to students and the other members of the community I am closing the school in Taloyoak until at least February 7.”

Anyone who has not been contacted by public health should monitor for symptoms. If you develop symptoms such as a – runny nose, cough, sore throat, fever or difficulty breathing –call the COVID hotline at 1-888-975-8601 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. EDT. There are longer wait times to get through to the hotline, so please remain patient. Please do not call or go to the health centre.

“We urge everyone to follow the direction of public health officials to ensure the health and safety of our school community,” said Minister of Education, Pamela Gross. “We are grateful that the CPHO and his team have moved quickly to close the school to allow testing and contact tracing to take place.”

Premier P.J. Akeeagok and Dr. Patterson will hold a live COVID-19 update February 1 at 11 a.m. EDT. Tune in on the Legislative Assembly TV channel, at <http://video.isilive.ca/nunavut/> or on radio in Iqaluit at 92.5FM.

For all the latest information and guidelines on COVID-19 in Nunavut, go to:  
<https://www.gov.nu.ca/>.

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