

# News Release

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## Presumptive COVID-19 case in Whale Cove

**Iqaluit, Nunavut (January 5, 2022)** – Dr. Michael Patterson, Nunavut's Chief Public Health Officer is announcing 21 new cases of COVID-19 in the territory- 18 in Iqaluit, three in Qikiqtarjuaq and one presumptive new case in Whale Cove. There are no recoveries today.

There are currently 231 confirmed active cases of COVID-19 in Nunavut – 48 in Arviat, one in Baker Lake, one in Cambridge Bay, two in Chesterfield Inlet, 15 in Igloolik, 72 in Iqaluit, seven in Kinngait, 19 in Pangnirtung, one in Pond Inlet, six in Qikiqtarjuaq, 45 in Rankin Inlet and 14 in Sanirajak. Please note there was a correction made to Iqaluit due to a double count and a correction made to Rankin Inlet due to a miscount.

Today's case in Whale Cove and yesterday's case in Sanikiluaq are presumptive, awaiting confirmatory testing.

There have been 16 total recoveries in this outbreak.

“Managing this many simultaneous outbreaks is testing the limits of our capacity. It’s vital all Nunavummiut remain calm, kind, patient and committed to the public health measures in place,” said Dr. Patterson. “On behalf of healthcare staff in all our communities, please help us manage this wave and allow us to prioritize those who need help the most.”

Premier P.J. Akeeagok, Minister of Human Resources Adam Arreak Lightstone and Dr. Patterson will hold a live COVID-19 update at 11 a.m. EDT on Thursday, January 6. Tune in on the Legislative Assembly TV channel, at <http://video.isilive.ca/nunavut/> or on radio in Iqaluit at 92.5FM.

Anyone who develops COVID-19 symptoms – runny nose, cough, sore throat, fever or difficulty breathing – should 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.

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