

Statement

Premier Akeeagok isolating due to COVID-19

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Iqaluit, Nunavut

Premier of Nunavut, P.J. Akeeagok, today released the following statement:

“This weekend, members of my household and I were exposed to someone who later tested positive for COVID-19. Although I am not experiencing any symptoms at this time, per public health instructions I will be isolating until March 23. During my absence, Deputy Premier Pamela Gross will be Acting Premier.

Like most Nunavummiut, I have been following public health measures to reduce the risk of contracting COVID-19. I have been diligent in maintaining physical distancing, wearing a mask, and minimizing visitors to my home. I am fully vaccinated and have had my booster shot.

Isolating is hard for any family; however, we all must do our part to protect vulnerable community members such as Elders, individuals with compromised immune systems and young infants who are not eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. To this end, I am following the isolation guidelines and public health advice.

I want to thank the hardworking team at the Department of Health who have been tirelessly managing the COVID-19 pandemic for the past two years. I also want to urge Nunavummiut to protect themselves and our communities by getting the COVID-19 vaccine and booster shot, we know this is our best defense against the virus.

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.”

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