

# Public Health Advisory

## Tuberculosis outbreak in Naujaat

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## Naujaat, Nunavut

The Chief Public Health Officer of Nunavut is advising the residents of Naujaat that due to a recent increase in the number of active tuberculosis (TB) cases in the community, the Department of Health is declaring an outbreak of tuberculosis.

Currently, there are six active cases of TB and 10 cases of latent (or sleeping) TB in Naujaat. The growing number of cases suggests that enhanced public health follow-up is necessary.

Community members who have been exposed to an active TB case, or who have TB symptoms, should visit the health centre for screening. The following are symptoms of active TB:

- A cough that lasts longer than three weeks.
- Feeling very tired.
- Loss of appetite.
- Having a fever or experiencing night sweats.

Anyone with these symptoms should go to the health centre as soon as possible for screening. It is important to get tested, receive treatment and take your medications as directed by your health care provider. TB is treatable and can be cured with medications available within your community. If you have any questions, please contact your local health centre.

The Department of Health will continue to provide support and resources to the community to ensure access to adequate testing, education, treatment and support.

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