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Public Health Advisory

Pond Inlet declares tuberculosis outbreak over

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The Department of Health is officially declaring the tuberculosis (TB) outbreak in Pond Inlet over. This decision follows extensive investigation, screening, treatment, and follow-up by health professionals in collaboration with community partners and leadership.

Since the outbreak was declared on March 17, 2023, the Department of Health has worked with the community to test, treat, and monitor those affected. A total of 13 cases of active TB and 117 new cases of latent (sleeping) TB were diagnosed over the course of the outbreak. The outbreak is now considered over, all cases and contacts have been assessed and treated as needed, and the risk of transmission is now low.

While the outbreak is over, TB continues to be present in Nunavut and across Canada. We encourage community members to remain aware of TB symptoms and continue to support one another in seeking care.

Common symptoms of TB include:

- A cough that lasts longer than three weeks.
- Feeling very tired.
- Loss of appetite.
- Unexplained weight loss.
- A fever or night sweats.

Anyone with these symptoms should go to the health centre as soon as possible for screening. TB is a treatable disease with medications available within your community. If you have any questions, please contact your local health centre.

Thank you to the residents of Pond Inlet and the healthcare staff for your cooperation and dedication throughout the response. Your support was essential in helping to stop the spread of TB and safeguard the health of the community. To learn more about TB and TB treatments, please visit the Government of Nunavut website's <u>TB page</u>.

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