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Iqaluit, Nunavut (November 20, 2020) – Today, Nunavut has a total of 84 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19. One new case has been identified in Arviat, bringing the community's number of positive cases to 58. Three new cases have been confirmed in Whale Cove for a total of 11 positive cases in the community. Rankin Inlet has six additional cases, bringing the community's number of positive cases to 13. There are no changes to the number of cases in Sanikiluaq.

"There remains no evidence of community transmission in Sanikiluaq, Rankin Inlet or Whale Cove. As we head into the weekend, it is imperative that Nunavummiut limit visiting, maintain strong physical distance and wear masks when outside their households. All 84 individuals are in isolation and they are all still doing well. We continue contact tracing in all impacted communities and are monitoring all individuals in isolation to ensure they stay healthy," said Dr. Michael Patterson, Nunavut's Chief Public Health Officer.

As of November 19, 119 tests have been done in Sanikiluaq with negative results. In Rankin Inlet, 110 tests have come back negative. Arviat testing has yielded 137 negative tests. Testing in Whale Cove yielded 21 negative tests.

Anyone who has reason to believe they have been exposed to COVID-19 is advised to call the COVID-hotline at 1-888-975-8601 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. EST, or notify their community health centre right away, and immediately isolate at home for 14 days. Please do not go to the health centre in person.

For all the latest information and resources about COVID-19 in Nunavut, go to: https://www.gov.nu.ca/health/information/covid-19-novel-coronavirus.

For the latest information on current public health restrictions, go to: https://www.gov.nu.ca/health/information/nunavuts-path

An update will be provided at a press conference at 11 a.m. EST, today, November 20.

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