



# News Release

For Immediate Release

## Public health measures eased in Pond Inlet

**Iqaluit, Nunavut (December 3, 2021)** – Dr. Michael Patterson, Nunavut’s Chief Public Health Officer, today announced the easing of public health measures in Pond Inlet.

“There have been no active cases of COVID-19 identified in Pond Inlet since the first case was confirmed and all high-risk contacts in the community have been off isolation for at least two weeks,” said Dr. Patterson. “It is now safe to ease restrictions. I encourage residents to continue following public health measures and remind everyone that masks continue to be mandatory in all Nunavut communities.”

Effective immediately:

- No limit to Outdoor gatherings.
- Indoor gatherings in dwellings are limited to 15 people, plus household members.
- Indoor public gatherings, including conference spaces and community halls are limited to 100 people or 75% capacity.
- Libraries, galleries including are limited to 25 people or 50 per cent capacity. Group tours limited to 25 people.
- Gyms, fitness centres, are limited to 25 people or 50 per cent capacity, group sessions limited to 25 people
- Places of worship are limited to 100 people or 75 per cent capacity, no singing.
- Arenas are limited to 50 people or 50 per cent capacity and 50 spectators.
- Restaurants and licensed establishments may open to 75 per cent capacity.
- Group counselling sessions are limited to 20 people.
- Long-term care and elders’ facilities may have two visitors per resident, masks mandatory. Immediate family only.

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. EST, or notify their community health centre right away by telephone. Please do not go to the health centre in person.

