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Iqaluit schools open to 100 per cent capacity starting January 31

Iqaluit, Nunavut (January 28, 2022) – Dr. Michael Patterson, Nunavut's Chief Public Health Officer is announcing that schools in Iqaluit can open to 100 per cent capacity on Monday, January 31.

"Public health measures have helped reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 in Iqaluit," said Dr. Patterson. "After assessing the current situation, it is safe to open Iqaluit schools to full capacity starting Monday."

"I am happy that Iqaluit schools will be welcoming students back safely to full-time, in-class instruction," said Minister of Education, Pamela Gross. "Learning and social engagement with teachers and peers at school is so important to the well-being and health of our students. I want to assure parents and students that schools will be taking all reasonable health and safety precautions following our guidelines, and to remind everyone of the importance of wearing masks at school and on the bus."

Premier P.J. Akeeagok and Dr. Patterson will hold a live COVID-19 update February 1 at 11 a.m. EDT. Tune in on the Legislative Assembly TV channel, at http://video.isilive.ca/nunavut/ or on radio in Iqaluit at 92.5FM.

Anyone who develops COVID-19 symptoms – runny nose, cough, sore throat, fever or difficulty breathing – should call the COVID hotline at 1-888-975-8601 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. EDT. There are longer wait times to get through to the hotline, so please remain patient. Please do not call or go to the health centre.

For all the latest information and guidelines on COVID-19 in Nunavut, go to: https://www.gov.nu.ca/.

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