GN confirms second positive COVID-19 case in Sanikiluaq

Iqaluit, Nunavut (November 8, 2020) – Dr. Michael Patterson, Nunavut's Chief Public Health Officer, has confirmed a second positive case of COVID-19 in Sanikiluaq.

"The individual is part of the same household as the first positive case, is asymptomatic, isolated and is doing well," said Dr. Patterson.

On November 7, a Rapid Response Team with one nurse and one technician arrived in Sanikiluaq to assist the team already in the community. As of today, 11 people have been identified as persons being followed. The team is assessing their risk of exposure and contact tracing is ongoing. All public health measures implemented on November 7, including travel to and from the community and limitations on gatherings remain in effect.

"While there is no evidence at this time of community transmission, I ask the residents of Sanikiluaq to stay vigilant and follow the public health orders. The importance of public health measures cannot be underestimated. Stay at home, do not go visiting and wear a mask in public spaces such as grocery stores. Together we can prevent any further spread in the community," concluded Dr. Patterson.

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. Please do not go to the health centre in person.

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