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News Release

No new cases of COVID-19 in Nunavut

Iqaluit, Nunavut (November 26, 2020) – Today, Nunavut is announcing no new cases of COVID-19. There are 150 active cases in-territory, and three additional cases are now considered recovered for a total of five. The latest recovered cases are in Whale Cove and Rankin Inlet.

“Today, as we see more people recovered, it is important to remind Nunavummiut that public health restrictions are still in place and must be followed by everyone,” said Dr. Michael Patterson, Nunavut's Chief Public Health Officer. “I also want to reassure Nunavummiut that if people are confirmed recovered by public health staff, it is safe for them to come off isolation and resume activities while following current public health restrictions."

There remains no evidence of community transmission in Rankin Inlet or Whale Cove. All individuals with active COVID-19 are in isolation and they are well, with mild to moderate symptoms. Contact tracing in all impacted communities remains ongoing and public health staff are monitoring everyone in isolation.

As of November 26, 181 tests have been done in Rankin Inlet with negative results. Arviat testing has yielded 423 negative tests. Testing in Whale Cove yielded 68 negative tests. Monitoring in Sanikiluaq continues.

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, Friday, November 27.

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