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# News Release

For Immediate Release

## 12 new cases of COVID-19 in Arviat

**Iqaluit, Nunavut (February 22, 2021)** – Today, Nunavut has 12 new cases of COVID-19. There are 33 active cases in the territory, all in Arviat.

“More than 100 days after the first COVID-19 case in Arviat, fatigue and boredom are becoming real factors in our ability to limit the spread of the virus,” said Dr. Michael Patterson, Nunavut’s Chief Public Health Officer. “It’s vital that anyone in isolation stay home until they have been cleared by the public health team. There cannot be exceptions; it’s up to each of us to keep one another healthy and safe. Please hold on and stay committed, and ensure you get vaccinated if you’re able.”

Community transmission has not been identified in Arviat, and all cases continue to be linked to household transmission. All individuals are doing well, are isolating at home and contact tracing is ongoing.

As of February 22, Arviat testing has yielded 2213 negative tests. Nunavut’s Rapid Response Team continues to support the community health team. Travel in and out of Arviat remains restricted, unless for emergency or essential purposes.

Arviammiut who want to receive the COVID-19 vaccine can call their health centre for an appointment. To date, 6977 Nunavummiut have received at least one dose of the Moderna vaccine. Vaccine clinics in the territory are ongoing.

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, including the numbers of recovered and active cases per community, 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>.

For the latest information on Nunavut's COVID-19 vaccination plans, go to:

<https://gov.nu.ca/health/information/covid-19-vaccination>.

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