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Confirmed COVID-19 case in Coral Harbour

Iqaluit, Nunavut (September 29, 2021) – Dr. Michael Patterson, Nunavut's Chief Public Health Officer, today announced a positive case of COVID-19 in Coral Harbour. There are now two active cases of COVID-19 in Nunavut.

"On September 28, an individual in Coral Harbour tested positive for COVID-19 after developing symptoms," said Dr. Patterson. "The individual is doing well and isolating. Contact tracing is ongoing. Individuals who have been exposed are being advised and will need to isolate for 14 days after their last exposure. I urge all eligible residents of Coral Harbour to get vaccinated, it is our best protection against COVID-19."

Anyone who is not vaccinated leaving the community on or after September 21 should isolate for 14 days from the date of departure. Anyone who is fully vaccinated should self monitor for 14 days from the date of departure.

Schools and childcare facilities may remain open to ensure continuity of learning.

Due to the current risk of exposure to multiple people in multiple households, some public health measures in Coral Harbour are being increased to help control and contain possible transmission of the virus. Effective immediately:

- Travel to and from Coral Harbour is not recommended.
- Outdoor gatherings are limited to 25 people.
- Indoor gatherings in dwellings are restricted to 5 people, plus household members.
- Indoor public gatherings, gyms, fitness centres, libraries, galleries are restricted to 25 people or 25 per cent capacity, whichever is less.
- Places of worship are restricted to 50 people or 25 per cent capacity, whichever is less.
- Fitness programs are limited to solo workouts only.
- Hair dressers and other personal services are closed.
- No public places may allow group tours, group workouts or singing.

- Gatherings in arenas are restricted to 25 people or 25 per cent capacity, whichever is less. A maximum of 25 spectators and no team sports.
- Restaurants and licensed establishments are restricted to take-out only. Maximum 10 people in line.
- Group counselling sessions are limited to 10 people.
- Parks remain open but park buildings are closed.
- Long-term care and elders' facilities may allow a max of one visitor per resident; masks mandatory for all visitors over age of four; only immediate family.

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.

COVID-19 vaccines are still available to all Nunavummiut aged 12 and older. Contact your health centre to make an appointment. Iqaluit Public Health takes vaccine walk-ins for Pfizer (ages 12 to 17) on Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Walk-ins for Moderna (18 and older) are held Monday to Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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

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