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News Release

Four new cases of COVID-19 in Nunavut

Iqaluit, Nunavut (November 23, 2020) – Today, Nunavut has 132 active cases of COVID-19. Rankin Inlet has three new positive cases, for a community total of 18 positive cases. One new case has been confirmed in Whale Cove for a total of 16 positive cases.

"Each and everyone of us has the means to stop the spread of this virus," said Dr. Michael Patterson, Nunavut's Chief Public Health Officer. "Isolation is one of our best defences and must be taken seriously. Please follow public health measures and remember, these rules protect you, protect your family and protect your community."

There remains no evidence of community transmission in Rankin Inlet or Whale Cove. All individuals with active COVID-19 are regularly monitored in isolation and continue to do well, with mild to moderate symptoms.

As of November 22, 150 tests have been done in Rankin Inlet with negative results. Arviat testing has yielded 353 negative tests. Testing in Whale Cove has yielded 47 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, today, November 23.

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