

News Release

Five new cases of COVID-19 in Nunavut

Iqaluit, Nunavut (November 28, 2020) – Today, Nunavut has 131 active cases of COVID-19. Five new cases have been identified in Arviat, bringing the community's number of active cases to 106. Nunavut now has a total of 33 recovered cases.

"We are on the right path to break transmission and contain the spread of COVID-19 in the territory," said Dr. Michael Patterson, Nunavut's Chief Public Health Officer. "Every day, individual decisions to follow public health measures are essential to our success and I urge Nunavummiut to remain committed in their efforts."

All individuals with active COVID-19 are in isolation and they are well, with mild to moderate symptoms. Contact tracing in all impacted communities is ongoing and public health staff are monitoring everyone in isolation.

As of November 27, 196 tests have been done in Rankin Inlet with negative results. Arviat testing has yielded 481 negative tests. Testing in Whale Cove yielded 89 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: <u>https://www.gov.nu.ca/health/information/covid-19-novel-coronavirus.</u>

For the latest information on current public health restrictions, go to: <u>https://www.gov.nu.ca/health/information/nunavuts-path</u>

An update will be provided at a press conference at 11 a.m. EST, Monday, November 30.

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