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Public Health measures eased in Iqaluit

Nunavut (June 29, 2021) – Today, Dr. Michael Patterson, Nunavut's Chief Public Health Officer, announced eased public health measures in Iqaluit, effective Friday, July 2, 2021.

"On Friday, it will have been more than a week since there has been an active case of COVID-19 in Iqaluit," said Dr. Patterson. "After assessing the risk, it is safe to ease public health measures in the capital."

As of 12:01 a.m., July 2:

- Travel restrictions in and out of Iqaluit are lifted.
- Isolation for those leaving Iqaluit is no longer required.
- Restaurants and licensed facilities may open at 25 people capacity or 25 per cent capacity, whichever is less. No singing or dancing will be permitted.
- The theatre may open at 25 people or 25 per cent capacity, whichever is less, per screening room with no moving between rooms.
- Indoor gatherings increase to 10 people plus household members**.**
- Public indoor gatherings increase to 50 people or 50 per cent capacity, whichever is less.
- Outdoor gatherings increase to 50 people.
- Gym capacity for solo workouts increases to 25 people or 50 per cent capacity, whichever is less.
- Swimming pools may open at 25 people or 50 per cent capacity, whichever is less.
- Libraries, museums, and galleries capacity increases to 25 people or 50 per cent capacity, whichever is less.
- Arena capacity may increase to 50 people or 50 per cent capacity, whichever is less, as well as a maximum of 50 spectators.

- Iqaluit’s long-term care facility may allow two visitors per resident from their immediate family, when it re-opens.
- Masks remain mandatory, except when eating or drinking.

More information will be available at a media update on Wednesday, June 30 at 11 a.m.

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

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