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Public health restrictions to be eased across Qikiqtani, Rankin Inlet

Nunavut (June 23, 2021) – Today, Dr. Michael Patterson, Nunavut’s Chief Public Health Officer, announced new public health measures in Rankin Inlet and in all Qikiqtani communities except Iqaluit and declared that the COVID-19 outbreak in Kinngait is over.

“Through hard work by Nunavummiut and our public health teams, it has been more than 28 days since the last active case in Kinngait, and we can declare the outbreak over,” said Dr. Patterson. “As we ease measures in most of the Qikiqtani region and Rankin Inlet, I urge everyone to remain vigilant.”

Effective at 12:01 a.m., Friday, June 25, in Rankin Inlet and all Qikiqtani communities except Iqaluit, public health measures are eased.

For those communities, indoor gatherings in community halls, conference spaces, government and Inuit organization facilities will increase to 100 people or 75 per cent capacity, whichever is less. Group session at fitness centres and pools can increase to 25 people. Theatres may allow 100 people or 75 per cent capacity. Places of worship may allow 100 people or 75 per cent capacity, whichever is less. Territorial and municipal park buildings may re-open. Physical distancing must be maintained in public. Schools move to Stage 1 of the *Opening Plan for Nunavut Schools*. Indoor gatherings in private dwellings remain at 15 people plus household members, and outdoor gatherings remain at 100 people.

Masks continue to be mandatory in all Nunavut communities.

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 go to www.gov.nu.ca

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