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COVID-19 identified in Gjoa Haven and Kugaaruk

Iqaluit, Nunavut (January 14, 2022) – Dr. Michael Patterson, Nunavut's Chief Public Health Officer is announcing seven new reported cases of COVID-19 in the territory, including one presumptive case in Gjoa Haven and one presumptive case in Kugaaruk.

There are currently 128 confirmed active cases of COVID-19 in Nunavut – eight in Arviat, 13 in Baker Lake, 10 in Cambridge Bay, five in Chesterfield Inlet, nine in Coral Harbour, 20 in Iqaluit, 16 in Kinngait, five in Pangnirtung, one in Pond Inlet, one in Qikiqtarjuaq, 27 in Rankin Inlet, five in Sanirajak, one in Sanikiluaq, seven in Whale Cove.

Today's cases in Gjoa Haven and Kugaaruk are presumptive, awaiting confirmatory testing. The case previously reported in Taloyoak continues to be presumptive.

We have 51 new reported recoveries today. There have been 253 total reported recoveries in this outbreak.

Strict public health measures are still in effect Nunavut wide and travel restrictions are in place in Rankin Inlet, Iqaluit and Pangnirtung. Travel to and from those communities is restricted to essential travel only. Travel to and from those communities is permitted for those returning to their home community or travelling to Southern Canada. All other travel requires authorization from the CPHO.

Premier P.J. Akeeagok and Dr. Patterson will hold a live COVID-19 update at 11 a.m. EDT on Tuesday, January 18. Tune in on the Legislative Assembly TV channel, at http://video.isilive.ca/nunavut/ or on radio in Iqaluit at 92.5FM.

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. EDT or notify their community health centre right away by telephone. Please do not go to the health centre in person.

COVID-19 vaccines are available to all Nunavummiut aged 5 and older and boosters are available for anyone 12 years and older. Contact your health centre to make an

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

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