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Iqaluit, Nunavut (October 18, 2021) – Dr. Michael Patterson, Nunavut's Chief Public Health Officer, today announced the easing of public health measures in Kinngait.

"It has been more than two weeks since the last active case of COVID-19 in Kinngait recovered and it is now safe to ease public health measures in the community," said Dr. Patterson. "I also want to remind all Nunavummiut that masks remain mandatory in all communities."

Effective October 19:

- There is no limit to the number of people for outdoor gatherings.
- Indoor gatherings in dwellings increase to 15 people, plus household members.
- Indoor public gatherings, including places of worship, gyms, fitness centres, and swimming pools, are increased to 100 people or 75 per cent capacity, whichever is less.
- Libraries, galleries may allow 25 people or 50 per cent capacity
- Public places may allow group tours, group workouts and singing.
- Team sports may resume.
- Restaurants and licensed establishments are restricted to 75% capacity.
- Group counselling sessions increase to 20 people.
- Parks buildings may open.
- Long-term care and elders' facilities may allow a max of two visitors per resident; masks mandatory for all visitors over age of four; only immediate family.

Anyone who develops symptoms of COVID-19 is advised to call the COVID-hotline at 1-888-975-8601 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. EST to arrange testing or notify their community health centre right away. Please do not go to the health centre in person, and immediately isolate at home for 14 days.

Vaccine continues to be available across the territory. Call your health centre to make an appointment or walk into Iqaluit Public Health every weekday for Moderna (18+) and Wednesday for Pfizer (ages 12 to 17). Vaccines are the best way to protect yourself, your family and your community.

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