WHEREAS:

A. The Minister of Health has declared a Public Health Emergency in Nunavut effective March 20, 2020 to address the novel coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic;

B. Pursuant to section 41(1) of the Public Health Act, (“the Act”) the Chief Public Health Officer may take certain actions, including issuing directions or orders for the purposes of protecting the public health and preventing, remedying or mitigating the effects of the public health emergency; and

C. Pursuant to section 55(1) of the Act, the Chief Public Health Officer has reasonable grounds to believe that persons under investigation who are showing symptoms may have been exposed to a communicable disease; namely novel coronavirus COVID-19, and this disease presents a serious risk to public health:

THEREFORE, the Chief Public Health Officer hereby orders the following:

1. Pursuant to subsection 55(2)(b) of the Act,
   (i) All persons who have symptoms consistent with novel coronavirus COVID-19 and who have been identified by a Medical Health Officer or representative of Nunavut Public Health as a person under investigation shall self-isolate for fourteen days in their homes or in an alternate location approved by the Chief Public Health Officer.

   (ii) All persons listed in paragraph 1 (i) must not leave their place of isolation except as directed by the Chief Public Health Officer or a Medical Health Officer.

   (iii) Persons under self-isolation shall conduct themselves in a manner that will not expose others to infection or
to take other precautions to prevent or limit the direct or indirect transmission of novel coronavirus COVID-19 to others.

2. Pursuant to subsection 41(1)(f) of the Act, members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, municipal by-law enforcement officers, sheriffs appointed pursuant to the Judicature Act, the Chief Environmental Protection Officer and Inspectors appointed pursuant to the Environmental Protection Act, and Conservation Officers appointed pursuant to the Wildlife Act are authorized to implement this order, including entering any premises other than a dwelling without a warrant.

3. Pursuant to section 41(4) of the Act, the peace officers listed in paragraph 2 may enter a dwelling without a warrant if:

   a. the occupant or person in charge of the dwelling consents; or

   b. the dwelling, or something in or only accessible through the dwelling, is a serious and immediate risk to public health.

4. Persons violating this order may face charges pursuant to section 80 of the Public Health Act and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding $50,000 or six months’ imprisonment.

This order is effective at 8:00 AM Eastern Time on Tuesday, March 31, 2020 and remains in effect for the duration of the Public Health Emergency, unless otherwise rescinded.

Dr. Michael Patterson

Chief Public Health Officer