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One new case of COVID-19 in Arviat

Iqaluit, Nunavut (January 28, 2021) – Today, Nunavut has one new case of COVID-19 in Arviat. There are now 18 active cases in the territory.

“Thank you to everyone who has participated in the vaccination clinics so far. Your example and commitment to the health and wellbeing of all Nunavummiut is appreciated,” said Dr. Michael Patterson, Nunavut's Chief Public Health Officer. “It’s important that everyone continue to practise all public health measures for the foreseeable future. Public health and community commitment are in everyone’s best interest. If you are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine, I encourage you to call your local health centre for more information and to make an appointment.”

All individuals are asymptomatic, doing well and are isolating. Contact tracing in the community is ongoing and public health staff are monitoring everyone in isolation. Nunavut's Rapid Response Team is supporting the community health team.

Anyone who has travelled to and from Arviat since January 19 are asked to limit their contacts and self-monitor for symptoms. They are also asked to contact their local health centre or Iqaluit public health, if in the city, to help with contact tracing and monitoring.

Vaccine doses are still available in Arviat. Please contact the health centre to make an appointment.

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/health/information/covid-19-novel-coronavirus.

For the latest information on current public health restrictions, go to:
https://www.gov.nu.ca/health/information/nunavuts-path.

For the latest information on Nunavut's COVID-19 vaccination plans, go to:
https://gov.nu.ca/health/information/covid-19-vaccination.

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