

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## COVID-19: ONE (1) NEW CASE CONFIRMED IN PUVIRNITUQ

**Kuujjuaq, July 2, 2020** – The Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services (NRBHSS) has been informed of one (1) new confirmed case of COVID-19 in Puvirnituq. The patient is not in critical condition; the patient is in isolation at home and is being monitored by health professionals.

Family members and the Mayor of Puvirnituq have been notified.

This new case brings the cumulative total to seventeen (17) cases for the region of Nunavik. The source of the infection is currently under investigation.

"The Public Health department immediately began an investigation and are tracing the source of the infection. As previously done, we are working closely with the Mayor. Information that Public Health has collected so far indicates that the situation is under control and that this positive test does not require us to shut down regular activities in the community and the medical teams are monitoring the situation very closely. We urge the communities in the region to continue practicing safety measures issued by Public Health guidelines. Further directives may follow as the investigation progresses." stated Minnie Grey, Executive Director of the NRBHSS.

Everyone must do their part to reduce and limit the spread of the virus. Everyone is urged to comply with the following measures:

- Wash your hands frequently for at least 20 seconds.
- Respect a distance of two meters between each other.
- Respect the Public Health guidelines.

**Important Reminder:** Do not present yourself at your local CLSC (Nursing Station) if you believe you are infected with COVID-19. Please contact the Health-Info line at 1-888-662-7482 from Monday to Sunday 10am to 10pm until July 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Monday to Friday from 12 to 10pm starting July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Outside of opening hours contact your local CLSC (Nursing Station).

The Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services is a public agency created in 1978 under the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement. It is responsible for nearly the entire Quebec territory located north of the 55<sup>th</sup> parallel in terms of the provision of health and social services for the inhabitants of the 14 communities.

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