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## COVID-19: THREE (3) NEW CASES CONFIRMED IN PUVIRNITUQ

**Kuujjuaq, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 -** The Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services (NRBHSS) has been informed of three new confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Puvirnituq. The patients are not in critical condition; they are isolated at home and are being monitored daily by health professionals.

These new cases bring the cumulative total to five (5) cases for the region of Nunavik. As of today, it is also confirmed that the first positive case, identified in Salluit, has now fully recovered from the virus.

"Each of us is affected by this situation and we are grateful for the dedication of our Healthcare workers and all the partners from the municipal sector who are working for the safety and well-being of everyone" said 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 another.
- Stay home as much as possible.
- Avoid visiting friends and family members in close spaces at all cost (home, cabin, etc.).

Important Reminder: Do not present yourself at your local CLSC (Nursing Station). If you believe you are infected with COVID-19, please contact the Info-Health line at 1-888-662-7482 from Monday to Sunday: 10am to 10pm. Outside of opening hours please 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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