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Public Health Restrictions eased in 15 communities

Iqaluit, Nunavut (February 15, 2022) – Dr. Michael Patterson, Nunavut’s Chief Public Health Officer is announcing the easing of public health restrictions in some communities across Nunavut, effective Monday February 21, 2022.

“Some communities have seen an improvement in the number of COVID-19 cases and it is safe to ease restrictions,” said Dr. Patterson. “There are still some communities that need more time to contain their outbreaks and there will be no changes to public health measures in those communities at this time.”

Masks remain mandatory in all communities and non-essential travel continues to be discouraged. As of Monday, February 21, public health measures in Arviat, Baker Lake, Chesterfield Inlet, Clyde River, Gjoa Haven, Grise Fjord, Kimmirut, Kinngait, Kugluktuk, Nauyasat, Pond Inlet, Qikiqtarjuaq, Sanirajak, and Whale Cove will be as follows:

- Outdoor gatherings increase to 50 people.
- Indoor gatherings increase to 10 people plus household members.
- Restaurants and licensed facilities may open at 25 people capacity or 25 per cent capacity, whichever is less. No singing or dancing will be permitted.
- Public indoor gatherings increase to 50 people or 50 per cent capacity, whichever is less.
- Gym capacity is 25 people or 50 per cent capacity, whichever is less. Solo workouts only.
- Swimming pools may open at 25 people or 50 per cent capacity, whichever is less.
- Libraries, museums, and galleries capacity increases to 25 people or 50 per cent capacity, whichever is less. No group tours.
- Arena capacity may increase to 50 people or 50 per cent capacity, whichever is less, as well as a maximum of 50 spectators.
- Places of worship are limited to 50 people or 25 per cent capacity, no singing.
- Long-term care facilities may allow two visitors per resident from their immediate family.

