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## **Travel between communities being discouraged** to help further prevent spread of COVID-19

The Nunatsiavut Government is once again discouraging all non-essential travel to, from and between Labrador Inuit communities, including by snowmobile, in an effort to prevent further spread of COVID-19.

"It is important that we do whatever we can to control the spread of the virus," says Nunatsiavut President Johannes Lampe. "We have received concerns that improved ice and snow conditions will see more people travelling to and from our communities by snowmobile. We are asking people to remain in their home communities, and to only leave if it is absolutely necessary and essential."

To date, there have been 21 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the community of Nain. Sixteen (16) of the cases have recovered, leaving five (5) active cases in the community.

"There are no confirmed or presumptive cases in any other Labrador Inuit community," notes President Lampe. "Let's try and keep it that way."

The Nunatsiavut Government continues to encourage residents of the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area to follow all COVID-19 Public Health protocols. Individuals, who suspect they have been exposed/infected with COVID-19, should stay at home and call 811 for further instructions.

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