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President applauds front-line workers, residents of Nain for taking proactive approach in dealing with COVID-19

Nunatsiavut President Johannes Lampe is calling on residents of Nain to remain vigilant by continuing to follow all public health protocols in order to minimize potential exposure and spread of COVID-19 in the community.

“The response to COVID-19 from front-line workers in our communities, especially in Nain where there has been an outbreak, has been overwhelming,” says President Lampe. “Our nurses, other valued health-care workers, and those who continue to maintain essential services, worked tirelessly during the holiday season, and deserve to be recognized for their efforts.”

There are currently no new cases of COVID-19 in Nain. To date, there have been 23 positive cases in the community. There has been 20 recoveries, leaving three active cases. Nobody is in hospital because of COVID-19, and there are no presumptive cases in any Labrador Inuit community.

“The fact we have been able to contain the spread of COVID-19 in Nain speaks volumes to the efforts of not only our front-line workers, but also residents,” says President Lampe. “We are all making sacrifices in order to protect each other. By working together and supporting each other, we are making a difference in the fight against COVID-19.”

While the spread of COVID-19 has stalled, things can change quickly, noted President Lampe.

“As we’re seeing in other parts of Labrador, especially in Upper Lake Melville, the Omicron variant spreads very fast, and it is likely to reach other Labrador Inuit communities at some point. It is important that we limit travel and continue to adhere to the advice of our public health officials if we are to minimize impacts on our communities. As Labrador Inuit we have demonstrated time and time again that we can overcome adversity, and I am confident this will be the case again as we continue to live with COVID-19.”

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