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## **President calls for calm following confirmation of COVID-19 exposures on flights to Inuit communities**

The Nunatsiavut Government is calling on Beneficiaries of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement to remain calm and to continue adhering to all public health protocols following confirmation of COVID-19 exposures on flights to northern Labrador last week.

The provincial Chief Medical Officer of Health has issued an advisory to those who travelled on the following:

- Air Borealis, Flight # PB961, December 20, 2021 (all stops);
- Air Borealis, Flight # PB962, December 20, 2021 (all stops);
- Air Borealis, Flight # PB961, December 21, 2021 (all stops); and
- Air Borealis, Flight # PB962, December 21, 2021 (all stops).

Individuals who travelled on these flights have been advised to isolate immediately and arrange testing by calling 811, or completing an [online assessment](#). Individuals who have already been contacted directly by Public Health do not need to call 811 or do an assessment. As well, individuals who share a household with travellers who were on these flights should isolate until the traveller receives a negative test.

At this point, there are no confirmed positive or presumptive cases of COVID-19 in any Labrador Inuit community.

Public Health staff from Nunatsiavut Government has been working very closely with Labrador-Grenfell Health to help identify contacts since the positive case was confirmed last evening.

Testing of contacts will begin this afternoon in all Labrador Inuit communities.

All regions of the province are currently at COVID-19 Alert Level 3 [Alert Level 3 - COVID-19 \(gov.nl.ca\)](#).

Symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- Fever, including chills or sweats;
- A new or worsening cough;
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing;
- Runny, stuffy or congested nose;
- Sore throat or difficulty swallowing;
- Headache;
- Loss of sense of smell or taste;
- Unusual fatigue or lack of energy;
- New onset of muscle aches;
- Loss of appetite;
- Vomiting or diarrhea for more than 24 hours; and,
- Small red or purple spots on hands and/or feet.

“I want to assure residents in all of our communities that we are working with the relevant authorities on this issue. I ask that people remain patient, be understanding and kind, and to remain calm during this difficult time,” says President Johannes Lampe. “Following public health protocols is our best defence against COVID-19. By limiting contacts, avoiding gatherings, wearing masks, maintaining social distancing and staying away from others if you feel sick, we can get through this together.”

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