



**Press Release**  
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## **COVID-19: Curfew imposed in Salluit**

**Kuuujuaq, March 28, 2020** –A curfew will take effect immediately in Salluit today following the report of a confirmed COVID-19 case in the community.

The curfew measure imposed by the Chief of the Kativik Regional Police Force and Director of Public Security Jean-Pierre Larose aims at containing the spread of the virus in the community.

This is the first active case of COVID-19 in Nunavik. The curfew supports the protocol and efforts undertaken by the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services..

As of this evening citizens of Salluit are required to stay at home from 9:00 PM until 6:00 AM every day. The curfew will remain in effect until further notice.

All flights in and out of Salluit are cancelled. The airport is closed to all traffic except for extreme exceptions.

Mr. Larose insisted that the safety of the community was of the utmost importance and that every effort was being taken by the emergency response group to reassure residents and make sure they are following the public health guidelines.

The police will enforce the curfew with the support of Northern Village of Salluit, which will be asked to play an important role in making sure citizens comply with the curfew, practice social distancing and refrain from taking any actions that may threaten the well-being of others.

Local leaders are asking that citizens refrain from stigmatizing those who fall victim to the coronavirus. They urge citizens to be well informed of the symptoms and follow the proper means to protect themselves.

More information regarding the potential spread of COVID-19 in the community will be made available in due course.

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