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NEW COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS LIFTED IN NUNAVIK

Kuuujuaq, June 16, 2020 –Nunavik’s emergency response team adopted new measures this week again to ease COVID-19 restrictions as part of the gradual reopening activities in helping communities return to normal life. The measures that were repealed include:

- The current curfew has been lifted effective immediately
- Restrictions on the sale of alcohol are also lifted.
- Traditional and Cultural Camps for youths aged 12 and over will open on July 1st
- Construction sector is reopening effective July 6.

Several more restrictions are also under analysis and review by the Nunavik-Regional Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee (N-REPAC) in compliance with Public Health directives. However, not all provincial directives will automatically apply to Nunavik.

On the economic front, 12 of the 14 Northern Villages are allowing construction companies to undertake certain essential projects. Construction workers will be allowed to enter Nunavik on July 6. Effective June 29, contractors will be required to set-up appointments for their construction workers with health authorities in order to undergo mandatory screening prior to arriving in Nunavik.

The Northern Villages are insisting that public health officials introduce very strict mitigation measures to control the threat of having outside construction workers transmit the disease in their communities. The two other NVs, Kuuujuaq and Puvirnituq, are also authorizing construction but with certain limits and conditions.

The N-REPAC is also waiting for public health recommendations on the lifting of the travel ban in Nunavik. Currently only essential, workers and those travelling for

humanitarian reasons or following a medical appointment are allowed to travel to Nunavik from the South. However, as regional organizations and municipalities seek to reopen operations new travel guidelines are being examined to allow non-essential travelers to fly to Nunavik.

As new directives are adopted Nunavimmiut will immediately be kept informed. Residents are reminded that should the COVID-19 virus appear in the region new restrictions may be applied in order to stop the virus from spreading.

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The Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services is a public agency created in 1978 under the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement. It is responsible for nearly the entire Quebec territory located north of the 55th parallel in terms of the provision of health and social services for the inhabitants of the 14 communities.

