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RE: URGENT REQUEST FROM THE COMMUNITY OF CLYDE RIVER, NUNAVUT

Dear Dr. Patterson,

I am writing to you with an urgent plea from Clyde River, for your direct and immediate assistance regarding the prevention of the spread of the Covid-19 virus to our community.

We request your immediate action to support us with the following:

- 1) While the recent travel restrictions imposed for Nunavut are a welcome and positive step, we would like to **extend the travel restrictions for our community**. We request that **all passengers coming from all communities (not just those entering the territory) be subject to the 14-day quarantine or restricted from entry**. Enough people have been flying in and out of Nunavut for the last several weeks that the virus could already be in the communities, so it could enter with passengers arriving from anywhere.
- 2) We want **testing for the virus for our entire community immediately**. Testing is the only way to know the true situation for our community members. Complete and early testing will allow us to address any isolation and/or care needs and act quickly. We have limited resources. Testing is the only way to ensure we can use those resources effectively and prevent any spread.
- 3) Acting on our most immediate needs, with a focus on prevention, we request your support in arranging for an **immediate bulk shipment of hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes to Clyde River**. We do not have any left in the community. We have our local firefighters volunteering at our only store to keep customer numbers down and they are assisting with wiping down carts, baskets, and providing Covid-19 prevention information to customers. We know that having each customer use hand sanitizer

