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Subject: Transmission of Information for the Public Health Tuberculosis Investigation

Dear Colleagues,

Given the exceptional epidemiological situation of tuberculosis (TB) in Nunavik and the significant increase in cases observed since 2010, the Regional Public Health Directorate (DRSP) of Nunavik has been obliged to initiate a population-based public health investigation. This type of investigation will allow us to quickly access essential information for updating surveillance data and inform decision-making regarding interventions to be deployed as part of our TB elimination plan.

The purpose of this population-based investigation is to enable designated DRSP personnel to access information gathered in relation to tuberculosis investigations, including both active TB cases and latent tuberculosis infections, such as:

- Information regarding contact tracing investigations;
- Information related to population screening for tuberculosis;
- Information regarding screening or diagnostic evaluations conducted in any clinical context, regardless of whether the interpretation is positive or negative.

The information to be transmitted includes, among others:

- Patient identification information;
- The context of clinical presentation and the reason for investigations;
 - The history of the index case, if applicable;
 - The contact history, if applicable;
- The patient's medical history;
- The patient's previous tuberculosis investigations;
- Risk factors related to tuberculosis;
- Clinical evaluation;
- Results of relevant investigations related to tuberculosis as they become available;
- Any other information deemed necessary for the ongoing intervention.

We appreciate the collaboration of health professionals and representatives from Nunavik health facilities in proactively transmitting all requested information when solicited by public health officials on this matter. We also want to emphasize the importance of doing this as quickly as possible, respecting your schedules, which we know are very busy.

The transfer of this information can be done in the manner you deem most effective. However, we remind you that it is always possible to use the clinical tools available in the "Tuberculosis Toolkit," including the forms "Clinical Assessment of a Suspected Case/Contact of Active TB." Regardless of the method of transmission you choose to use, we would appreciate receiving the required information at the following two email addresses:

- tuberculose-santepublique.nrbhss@ssss.gouv.qc.ca
- tuberculose.saisie.rr17@ssss.gouv.qc.ca



For more information on these tools, please refer to the advanced tuberculosis training for Nunavik, which you can register for here: <https://nrbhss.ca/fr/boîte-à-outils-tuberculose>.

Thank you for your continued collaboration; our joint efforts are essential for the effectiveness of our TB prevention and control interventions in the region.

Sincerely,

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