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## Public Health Update Regarding Kangiqsualujjuaq Arena

**Kuujjuaq, April 14, 2015** -The Bantam Regional Hockey Tournament held in Kangiqsualujjuaq was cut short on Friday, April 10, due to several people falling ill with symptoms including cough, headache, nausea and in some cases, vomiting and anxiety. Over 140 individuals were examined by medical staff and seven were transported to Kuujjuaq for further medical attention. Approximately 30 individuals were given oxygen and the majority of those affected were teenage athletes. Everyone has recovered and they are now symptom-free. The precise cause of the incident has not yet been determined. The NRBHSS, the KRG and the Northern Villages are working closely to identify the cause and the proper authorities will take the necessary steps to ensure that such incidents do not occur again in Nunavik's recreational facilities. Under the advisement of Dr. Serge Déry, Director of Public Health, the arena in Kangiqsualujjuaq will remain closed until further notice.

*The NRBHSS is a public agency created in 1978 under the **James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement**. It is responsible for nearly the entire territory located north of the 55<sup>th</sup> parallel in terms of the provision of health and social services for the inhabitants of the 14 communities.*

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