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Some scientists say that the country should aim to get the infection rate as close to zero as possible. Atlantic Canada may show how it's done.

November kicked off with the discouraging news that Nunavut lost its status as the last place in Canada to be free of Covid.

With 74 cases as of Thursday, the vast and medically underserved territory of Nunavut imposed additional restrictions early this week.

Only Atlantic Canada, which is isolated from the rest of the country and the world by province-level travel restrictions, has escaped increasingly grim pandemic news this month. On Friday the federal government said that unless Canadians reduce contact with one another and provinces apply more restrictions the country is on a path to 60,000 new cases a day by the end of the year, more than 11 times the current rate.

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