

CANADA
NUNAVUT

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, S. Nu. 2016, c. 13

REGIONAL HUB TRAVEL RESTRICTION ORDER (#3)

CITY OF IQALUIT

WHEREAS:

- A. The Minister of Health has declared a Public Health Emergency in Nunavut effective March 20, 2020 to address the novel coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic, and may renew this declaration every fourteen (14) days for the duration of the Public Health Emergency;
- B. Pursuant to section 41(1) of the *Public Health Act*, the Chief Public Health Officer may take certain actions, including issuing directions or orders for the purposes of protecting the public health and preventing, remedying or mitigating the effects of the public health emergency; and
- C. The Chief Public Health Officer has reasonable and probable grounds to restrict travel to and from the City of Iqaluit in order to contain the spread of novel coronavirus COVID-19, while making appropriate arrangements to ensure the continued movement of people and goods to other communities in Nunavut;

THEREFORE, the Chief Public Health Officer hereby orders the following:

- 1. The Regional Hub Travel Restriction Order (#2) issued for the City of Iqaluit dated April 16, 2021, is rescinded and replaced by this Order.

Part 1: Inter-Community Travel

- 2. Pursuant to subsection 41(1)(e) of the Act, all travel to and from the City of Iqaluit by any means including air, marine, and over land travel, is hereby prohibited with the following exceptions:
 - a. Persons who are ordinarily resident in Iqaluit who are in a different community, may travel to Iqaluit without authorization from the Chief Public Health Officer;

- b. Persons in Iqaluit who are ordinarily resident in another community may travel to their community of residence without authorization from the Chief Public Health Officer;
 - c. Any person bearing a letter of authorization from the Chief Public Health Officer, pursuant to section 3 of this Order;
 - d. Any person leaving from or returning to the City of Iqaluit on a medical evacuation (medevac) flight;
 - e. Medical Travel clients and Medical Travel escorts pursuant to the Government of Nunavut Medical Travel Policy;
 - f. Emergency service personnel, including but not limited to the Canadian Armed Forces, Royal Canadian Mounted Police and search and rescue;
 - g. Persons who must travel from Iqaluit to another community to perform essential work and who can produce written proof from their employer confirming that their presence is required in the other community;
 - h. Flight crews working on any flights arriving in or leaving from Iqaluit International Airport (CYFB) including cargo, medical evacuation (medevac), military, search and rescue, and government flights;
 - i. Nunavut Inuit exercising their hunting rights as set out in Article 5 of the *Nunavut Agreement* or engaging in other on-the-land activities may leave and return to the City of Iqaluit but they may not travel to any other community or populated area outside the City of Iqaluit and shall not make contact with any person who is not a resident of the City of Iqaluit except in emergencies; and
 - j. All persons authorized to enter Nunavut via the City of Iqaluit, including from outside the territorial boundaries of Nunavut, pursuant to the *Order Respecting Travel to Nunavut* (#10), dated May 4, 2021.
3. Pursuant to subsection 41(1)(g) of the Act and in order to decrease or eliminate the risk to the public health in relation to novel coronavirus COVID-19, persons within the City of Iqaluit are subject to the following restrictions, as specifically set out below:

- a. Persons listed in section 2(c) seeking to enter or leave the City of Iqaluit must contact the Office of the Chief Public Health Officer and obtain a letter of authorization.
 - (i) The Chief Public Health Officer shall not issue letters of authorization to persons who have symptoms consistent with novel coronavirus COVID-19 and who have been identified by a Medical Health Officer or representative of Nunavut Public Health as a person under investigation.
 - (ii) The Chief Public Health Officer shall not issue letters of authorization to persons who may have been in close contact with an individual infected with novel coronavirus COVID-19 during the past 30 days.
 - (iii) Persons listed in section 2 (f), (g), and (h) shall wear appropriate personal protective equipment and shall restrict their travel within the community to the greatest extent possible.
 - (iv) Persons listed in section 2 (h) shall not leave the airport premises without authorization from the Chief Public Health Officer.

Part 2: Travel Outside the City of Iqaluit

4. No person in the City of Iqaluit may travel to any populated area outside the City of Iqaluit except as authorized by the Chief Public Health Officer, except when returning to their ordinary community of residence pursuant to section 2 (b).
5. Any person who travelled from Iqaluit between April 7, 2021, and the date this Order is revised or rescinded shall self-isolate for fourteen (14) days in their destination community in a manner consistent with *Mandatory Self-Isolation Order (#2)* or any subsequent order respecting Mandatory Self-Isolation.
6. Medical Travel Clients and Client Escorts may travel outside the City of Iqaluit for medical travel pursuant to the Government of Nunavut Medical Travel Policy.

7. Nunavut Inuit exercising their rights as set out in Article 5 of the *Nunavut Agreement* and who exercise the right to harvest outside of Iqaluit may travel back to Iqaluit if they have not travelled to another community or populated area.
8. Nunavik Inuit and Indigenous people resident in the Nunavik Region of Quebec who are exercising their Aboriginal or treaty hunting and harvesting rights may enter unpopulated areas of the Qikiqtaaluk Region and return to their home communities, but shall not make contact with any Nunavut residents during their time in the Qikiqtaaluk Region or enter the City of Iqaluit except in emergencies.
9. Nunavut Inuit from the Kivalliq and Kitikmeot Regions exercising their rights as set out in Article 5 of the *Nunavut Agreement* may enter unpopulated areas of the Qikiqtaaluk Region and the Nunavik Region of Quebec and return to their home communities if they have not travelled to a community or populated area outside the City of Iqaluit, and make no contact with any person who is not a resident of the City of Iqaluit, except in emergencies.

Part 3: Stops, Diversions, and Transiting through the City of Iqaluit

10. Any person travelling on a flight landing in the City of Iqaluit as part of a technical stop, station stop or a diversion due to weather or an emergency may enter the Iqaluit International Airport (CYFB) but may not leave the airport premises unless authorized or directed by the Chief Public Health Officer.
11. Flights originating outside Nunavut from within Canada, and flights originating in the Kivalliq or Kitikmeot Regions may include a station stop or technical stop at Iqaluit International Airport (CYFB) subject to the following conditions:
 - a. The stop does not exceed ninety (90) minutes except as further delayed due to weather or mechanical reasons;
 - b. Passengers with final destinations outside the City of Iqaluit may not leave the airport premises, except in cases of medical emergency; and
 - c. For greater certainty, the flight crew must contact the Chief Public Health Officer for instructions if its time at the airport, including planned and unplanned stops, exceeds three (3) hours.

12. The self-isolation requirement in section 5 does not apply to persons travelling on flights requiring an overnight stop in Iqaluit, provided that the persons:
- a. Travel directly from the airport to their place of overnight accommodations;
 - b. Remain at their overnight accommodations until it is time to return to the airport;
 - c. Wear a non-medical mask or face covering; and
 - d. Do not visit with any resident of the City of Iqaluit during the overnight stop.
13. Flights originating outside Nunavut but from within Canada and flights originating in the Qikiqtaaluk Region or Kivalliq Region which must divert due to weather or mechanical reasons may land at the Iqaluit International Airport provided that the diversion lasts no longer than ninety (90) minutes and the persons remain within the airport premises. If the diversion exceeds ninety (90) minutes, the flight must depart Iqaluit International Airport, if safe to do so, unless a longer stay is authorized by the Chief Public Health Officer.

Part 4: International Flights

14. Flights originating outside Canada must comply with any applicable federal Orders-in-Council respecting entry to Canada issued pursuant to the *Quarantine Act*.
15. Persons entering Nunavut from outside Canada by air must enter at the Iqaluit International Airport (CYFB).
16. Subject to the requirements in clause 14, flights originating outside Canada may make technical stops and diversions for weather or mechanical reasons at the Iqaluit International Airport (CYFB), subject to the following time restrictions:
- a. Technical stops shall not exceed ninety (90) minutes, unless further delayed due to weather or mechanical issues;
 - b. Diversions shall not exceed ninety (90) minutes unless it is unsafe for the aircraft to depart; and
 - c. No combination of a technical stop and diversion shall exceed three (3) hours unless it is unsafe for the aircraft to depart.

17. The flight crew and all passengers must remain on the airport premises during a technical stop or diversion as set out in clause 16.
18. If a technical stop or diversion, or a combination of the two exceeds three (3) hours, the flight crew must contact the Chief Public Health Officer for further instructions.
19. Flight crew and passengers shall not leave the airport premises without authorization from the Chief Public Health Officer.

Part 5: Enforcement

20. Pursuant to subsection 41(1)(f) of the *Public Health Act*, members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, members of the Canada Border Services Agency, municipal by-law enforcement officers, sheriffs appointed pursuant to the *Judicature Act*, the Chief Environmental Protection Officer and Inspectors appointed pursuant to the *Environmental Protection Act*, and Conservation Officers appointed pursuant to the *Wildlife Act* are authorized to implement this order, including entering any premises other than a dwelling without a warrant.
21. Pursuant to subsection 41(4) of the Act, the peace officers listed in paragraph 20 may not enter a dwelling without a warrant unless the occupant or person in charge of the dwelling consents.
22. Failure to comply with this Order may be considered a breach of this Order issued under the *Public Health Act* and may result in penalties under the Act, which may include:
 - d. A \$575 fine for individuals; and
 - e. A \$2875 fine for corporations.
23. Providing false or misleading statements to the Chief Public Health Officer for the purposes of entering or departing the City of Iqaluit constitutes a breach of this Order.
24. For greater certainty, in the event of conflict between this Order and the *Order Respecting Travel to Nunavut (#10)*, or its successor, this Order prevails to the extent of the conflict.

This order is effective at 12:01 am Eastern Daylight Time (UTC-4:00) on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 and remains in effect for the duration of the Public Health Emergency, unless otherwise rescinded.



Dr. Michael Patterson
Chief Public Health Officer