

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

REGIONAL HUB TRAVEL RESTRICTION ORDER (#7)

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 The Regional Hub Travel Restriction Order (#6) issued for the City of Iqaluit dated December 23, 2021, is rescinded and replaced by this Order.
- 2. In this Order, “Fully Vaccinated” means, in relation to an individual:
 - a. the individual has received the recommended number of doses of a COVID-19 vaccine authorized for use by Health Canada; and
 - b. more than fourteen (14) days have elapsed since the individual received the last of the recommended number of doses.

Part 1: Inter-Community Travel

- 3. Pursuant to subsection 41(1)(e) of the *Public Health 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 Part 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 to Iqaluit or 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 community;
- h. Flight crews working on any flights arriving in or leaving from Iqaluit 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 travelling on scheduled flights between any community in Nunavut and any other part of Nunavut requiring a stopover or change of aircraft in Iqaluit.

Part 2: Travel Outside the City of Iqaluit

4. No person in the City of Iqaluit may travel to any populated area in Nunavut 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 3 (b).
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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: Travel Authorization

9. The Chief Public Health Officer shall not issue certificates 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.
10. The Chief Public Health Officer shall not issue certificates 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.

11. Persons listed in section 3 (f), (g), and (h) shall wear appropriate personal protective equipment and shall restrict their travel within the community to the greatest extent possible.
12. Persons listed in section 3 (h) shall not leave the airport premises without authorization from the Chief Public Health Officer.
13. Persons listed in Part 1 or Part 2 who are Fully Vaccinated may apply to the Office of the Chief Public Health Officer for a certificate of authorization exempting them from the fourteen (14) day isolation period set out in *Mandatory Self-Isolation Order* (#7) or its successor. The exemption application must include a written declaration including the information set out in Appendix “A” to this Order.
14. The Chief Public Health Officer may combine the certificates of authorization to travel set out in section 3 (c) and the certificate of authorization of exemption set out in section 13 into a single document.
15. The Chief Public Health Officer shall revoke an individual’s certificate of authorization where:
 - a. A designated person within the Department of Health advises the individual, either orally or in writing, that the Department of Health is unable to verify that the individual is Fully Vaccinated;
 - b. The individual revokes their consent set out in the declaration in Appendix “A”; or
 - c. The individual does not provide an official record of each of their COVID-19 vaccinations or a suitable alternative such as a statutory declaration or certified extract from the individual’s medical records.
16. Persons travelling on scheduled flights between any community in Nunavut and any other part of Nunavut requiring a change of aircraft or stopover in Iqaluit not exceeding twenty-four (24) hours in Iqaluit are exempt from this Part.

Part 4: Stops, Diversions, and Transiting through the City of Iqaluit

17. Any person travelling on a flight landing in the City of Iqaluit or 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.

18. 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 the 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.

19. Persons travelling on flights requiring an overnight stop or extended delay due to weather or mechanical reasons in Iqaluit are required to:

- 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;
- d. Not visit with any resident of the City of Iqaluit during the overnight stop,

and in which case the persons are not required to self-isolate at their final destination.

20. 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 (CYFB) provided that the diversion lasts no longer than ninety (90) minutes and the persons remain on the flight 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 5: International Flights

21. Flights originating outside Canada must comply with any applicable federal Orders-in-Council respecting entry to Canada issued pursuant to the *Quarantine Act*.
22. Persons entering Nunavut from outside Canada by air must enter at the Iqaluit International Airport (CYFP).
23. Subject to the requirements in section 21, 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.
24. The flight crew and all passengers must remain on the airport premises during a technical stop or diversion as set out in section 22.
25. 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.
26. Flight crew and passengers shall not leave the airport premises without authorization from the Chief Public Health Officer.

Part 6: Enforcement

27. 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.

28. Pursuant to subsection 41(4) of the *Public Health Act*, the peace officers listed in section 27 may not enter a dwelling without a warrant unless the occupant or person in charge of the dwelling consents.
29. 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 *Public Health Act*, which may include:
 - a. A \$575 fine for individuals; and
 - b. A \$2875 fine for corporations.
30. 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.
31. For greater certainty, in the event of conflict between this Order and the *Order Respecting Travel to Nunavut (#23)*, or its successor, this Order prevails to the extent of the conflict.

This order is effective at 12:00pm Eastern Standard Time (UTC-5:00) on December 29, 2021 and remains in effect for the duration of the Public Health Emergency, unless otherwise rescinded.



Dr. Michael Patterson
Chief Public Health Officer

Appendix "A"

Exemption for Fully Vaccinated Travellers Traveller's Declaration

If you are fully vaccinated, you may choose to be exempted from the self-isolation requirement under the current Mandatory Self-Isolation Order. You are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after the final dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

All vaccinated travellers intending to travel from a Restricted Community to any other community in Nunavut must complete this declaration and submit it to vaccineexemptions@gov.nu.ca in order to receive a letter of authorization permitting travel and present it to the air carrier upon check-in for verification.

Travellers must sign a legally-binding declaration of vaccination stating they are fully vaccinated with a Health Canada approved vaccine. Declarations will be audited on a regular basis to verify compliance and false declarations may result in fines.

Information Required

Legal First Name	Legal Last Name
Date of Birth	Legal Gender: (M/F/Other)
What was the date of your final dose?	
Did you receive your vaccine in Nunavut?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
<input type="checkbox"/> No	
If no, where did you receive your vaccine?	

*If you were not vaccinated in Nunavut, you must provide verifiable evidence to the Department of Health, through vaccineexemptions@gov.nu.ca, showing that you are fully vaccinated with a Health Canada approved vaccine. Your exemption request will not be processed until you provide evidence of vaccination

Declaration of Traveller

1. I _____ intend to travel to _____
(community) on _____(date).
2. I am fully vaccinated. I understand that I am only fully vaccinated two weeks after the final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.
3. I understand I may be asked to provide proof of vaccination during my travels (i.e., your vaccine card or proof of vaccination certificate).
4. I understand that making a false declaration is a breach of the Mandatory Self Isolation Order and I could be fined \$575.

5. I understand that I may be asked to self-isolate after travelling from a Restricted Community to any other community in Nunavut. These reasons may include:
 - a. I am waiting for a COVID-19 test result;
 - b. I am a contact of COVID-19; or
 - c. I have been diagnosed with COVID-19.
6. I understand that if I am self-isolating for any of these other reasons, I follow the instructions given to me by the Department of Health.
7. I understand that I must wear a mask for 14 days upon arrival in Nunavut, regardless of current public health measures in my destination community.

Consent (you must consent to all)

- I consent to verification of my vaccination status by the Department of Health using the information provided above.
- I agree to provide any further information needed to confirm my vaccination status, including my health care insurance plan number to the Government of Nunavut upon request.
- I consent to disclosure of this declaration to law enforcement officials for the purpose of enforcing orders made under the *Public Health Act*.
- I agree that if I do not provide the information requested, if I withdraw my consent to verification or if I am informed by the Government of Nunavut that my vaccination status was not confirmed, I will self-isolate as instructed by an official of the Government of Nunavut.
- I consent to the collection of the Contact Tracing Information set out below.

Contact Tracing Information

The following information is collected pursuant to section 17 (1) of the *Public Health Act* and will be used to contact the Traveller in the event of an outbreak of novel coronavirus COVID-19, or where the Chief Public Health Officer has reasonable grounds to believe that the Traveller may have been exposed to novel coronavirus COVID-19.

Traveller's Permanent Address:

Traveller's Address in Nunavut:

(The name and community of the Traveller's tourist accommodation is acceptable)

Traveller's Phone Number(s):

Traveller's E-Mail Address (optional):

I make this declaration on (date) at (community).

Print Traveller's Name

Traveller's Signature

Privacy Notice

The information on this form is personal information and is protected by the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Public Health Act*. If you have questions about how the Government of Nunavut collects, uses, and discloses personal information, contact the Office of the Chief Public Health Officer or the Territorial ATIPP Office at atipp@gov.nu.ca.