

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

MANDATORY SELF-ISOLATION ORDER (#8)

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 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 grounds to impose isolation restrictions on certain persons to prevent the spread of novel coronavirus COVID-19;

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

- 1. The *Mandatory Self-Isolation Order* (#7) issued November 30, 2021, is rescinded and replaced by this Order.
- 2. In this Order,
 - a) “Booster” means, in relation to a Fully Vaccinated individual:
 - i. That the individual has received a booster dose of a COVID-19 vaccine authorized for use or recognized by Health Canada; and
 - ii. More than fourteen (14) days have elapsed since the individual received the booster dose.
 - b) “Business Hours” means the time period between 10:00 am and 6:00 pm Eastern Time (UTC-5:00), Monday to Friday;
 - c) “Community transmission” means individuals contracting COVID-19 where public health officials are unable to determine the time, source, and location of the transmission.

- d) “Emergency Service Provider” means a person who is exempt from the mandatory isolation requirements in Part 4 of *Travel Restriction Order* (#24) or a subsequent travel order based on their status as:
- i. Members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police;
 - ii. Members of the Canadian Armed Forces;
 - iii. Members of the Correctional Service of Canada or the Nunavut Department of Justice Corrections Division;
 - iv. Employees or agents of the Nunavut Department of Health escorting patients detained under orders pursuant to the *Mental Health Act* or the *Public Health Act*;
 - v. Members of the Canadian Coast Guard and Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary;
 - vi. Members of any other law enforcement agency established under a law of Canada or Nunavut;
 - vii. Persons engaged in Search and Rescue; and
 - viii. Flight crews working on medical evacuation flights arriving in Nunavut.
- e) “Essential Worker” means persons who are not Fully Vaccinated and are bearing a letter from their employer stating their services are critical and that travel to Nunavut is urgently required and who are exempt from the mandatory isolation requirements in Part 4 of *Travel Restriction Order* (#24) or a subsequent travel restriction order, including but not limited to:
- i. Health care workers;
 - ii. Humanitarian workers assisting with pandemic response measures;
 - iii. Persons conducting inspections and investigations required by a law of Nunavut or Canada;
 - iv. Persons providing services in the course of importation/exportation of goods and other supply chain

- workers, including those persons who are necessary to maintain supply chain transportation services;
- v. Persons engaged in providing critical services;
 - vi. Persons engaged in providing support services to critical services workers; and
 - vii. Persons engaged in the construction of critical infrastructure projects.
- f) “Federal Order” means *Interim Order Respecting Certain Requirements for Civil Aviation Due to COVID-19, No. 52* or any subsequent order issued by the Minister of Transport pursuant to the *Aeronautics Act* (Canada).
- g) “Fully Vaccinated” means, in relation to an individual:
- i. The individual has received the recommended number of doses of a COVID-19 vaccine authorized for use or recognized by Health Canada; and
 - ii. More than fourteen (14) days have elapsed since the individual received the last of the recommended number of doses.
- h) “Partially Vaccinated” means, in relation to an individual:
- i. The individual has received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine authorized for use or recognized by Health Canada but not all recommended doses of the vaccine; or
 - ii. The individual has received the recommended number of doses of a COVID-19 vaccine, but fewer than fourteen (14) days have elapsed since the individual received the last of the recommended number of doses.
- i) “Residence” means a dwelling as defined in the Public Health Administrative Regulations, and for greater certainty, includes temporary and shared accommodations provided by an employer such as staff housing, transient units, and crew housing.

- j) “Unvaccinated” means, in relation to an individual, that the individual has not received any doses of a COVID-19 vaccine authorized for use or recognized by Health Canada.

Part 1: Persons Under Investigation

- 3. In this part, “Person Under Investigation” means any person having symptoms consistent with novel coronavirus COVID-19 who:
 - a) has COVID-19 symptoms and is waiting to be tested and receive test results;
 - b) was present at a potential exposure site;
 - c) has been tested for COVID-19 and is awaiting test results;
 - d) has tested positive for COVID-19 at a designated airport pursuant to the Federal Order; or
 - e) has been identified as a close contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case
- 4. Pursuant to subsection 55(2)(b) of the Act,
 - a) All persons who have been identified by a Medical Health Officer or representative of the Office of the Chief Public Health Officer as Person Under Investigation shall self-isolate in their Residence or in an alternate location approved by the Chief Public Health Officer for at least the following time periods:
 - i. Minimum ten (10) days, from either the start of symptoms or a positive test result, where the person is either Unvaccinated or Partially Vaccinated;
 - ii. Minimum of seven (7) days, from either the start of symptoms or a positive test result, where the person is Fully Vaccinated, or Fully Vaccinated with a Booster; or
 - iii. Any other time period stipulated by the Chief Public Health Officer or a Medical Health Officer.
- 5. Pursuant to subsection 55 (2) (b) of the Act,
 - a) All persons who test positive for COVID-19 at a designated airport pursuant to the Federal Order must:
 - a. During Business Hours, contact the toll-free Nunavut COVID-19 hotline within one (1) hour of receiving their test results; or

- b. Outside Business Hours, contact the toll-free Nunavut COVID-19 hotline as soon as possible during the next business day.
 - b) All persons who test positive for COVID-19 at a designated airport pursuant to the Federal Order must:
 - a. During Business Hours, remain on the airport premises until they are directed by a representative of Nunavut Public Health that they may leave; or
 - b. Outside Business Hours, depending on instructions provided by the on-call Medical Health Officer, travel directly to their residence, place of overnight accommodations, or Qikiqtani General Hospital for testing, and remain there until receiving instructions from Nunavut Public Health.
 - c) All persons who test positive for COVID-19 at a designated airport are deemed to be Persons Under Investigation and shall self-isolate in accordance with section 4 in their Residence or in an alternate location approved by the Chief Public Health Officer.
6. Persons Under Investigation shall not leave their place of isolation except as directed by the Chief Public Health Officer or a Medical Health Officer.
 7. Persons Under Investigation may leave their place of isolation to undergo COVID-19 testing as directed by a Medical Health Officer.
 8. Persons Under Investigation shall conduct themselves in a manner that will not expose others to infection or to take other precautions to prevent or limit the direct or indirect transmission of novel coronavirus COVID-19 to others.
 9. Persons Under Investigation must not allow any visitors to enter their Residence, except where the visitors are responding to an emergency.
 10. The Chief Public Health Officer or a Medical Health Officer may shorten or lengthen the isolation periods set out in section 4 based on the specific circumstances of the Person under Investigation.
 11. Persons identified by the Office of the Chief Public Health Officer as high-risk contacts and household contacts must isolate for 10 days after the last exposure.

Part 2: Self-Isolation Upon Entry to Nunavut for Children under age 12

12. Pursuant to subsection 41 (1) (g) of the Act,

- a) Children under age 12 who are Unvaccinated or Partially Vaccinated must self-isolate for ten days in their Residence.
- b) Children who are self-isolating must stay within their Residence or on the land adjacent to their Residence.
- c) Fully Vaccinated parents and guardians are not required to self-isolate, but shall ensure that the children are properly supervised.
- d) Children who are self-isolating may leave their Residence for short walks outdoors, but must maintain 2 metres distance from other people and must wear a mask when outside of their Residence.
- e) Children completing their isolation at a cabin or tent on the land must complete their entire isolation period at the cabin or tent.
- f) All other persons who live in the Residence must also isolate unless they are Fully Vaccinated or have received an exemption as an Emergency Service Provider or Essential Worker.
- g) Children who are self-isolating must not allow any visitors to enter their Residence, except where the visitors are responding to an emergency.
- h) Children who are self-isolating must not enter any other Residence.
- i) Children who are self-isolating must not attend any public gatherings.
- j) Children who are self-isolating may attend medical appointments, but must wear masks while doing so, and their parent or guardian must let staff know that they are isolating after travel.
- k) All persons who are self-isolating must immediately call the Nunavut COVID-19 hot line or their local health centre if they feel ill in any way.
- l) If a person who is self-isolating needs to use a taxi or other public transportation, they must wear a mask, and inform the driver, who must also wear a mask
- m) All adult persons must ensure that minor children who are self-isolating follow the self-isolation conditions.

Part 3: Emergency Service Providers and Essential Workers

13. Pursuant to subsection 41 (1)(g) of the Act,

- a) Emergency Service Providers and Essential Workers who are not Fully Vaccinated shall self-isolate for ten days in their Residence or in an alternate location approved by the Chief Public Health Officer.
- b) Emergency Service Providers and Essential Workers who are not Fully Vaccinated shall not leave their place of isolation except to attend work, activities permitted by this Order, and as directed by a Medical Health Officer.
- c) Emergency Service Providers and Essential Workers who are not Fully Vaccinated may leave their place of isolation once every seven (7) days for the purposes of purchasing groceries.
- d) Emergency Service Providers and Essential Workers who are not Fully Vaccinated may leave their place of isolation to undergo COVID-19 testing as directed by a Medical Health Officer.
- e) Emergency Service Providers and Essential Workers who are not Fully Vaccinated shall conduct themselves in a manner that will not expose others to infection or to take other precautions to prevent or limit the direct or indirect transmission of novel coronavirus COVID-19 to others.

14. All persons who normally live in the same Residence as the Essential Worker who is not Fully Vaccinated shall follow the same self-isolation conditions as the Essential Worker unless they are Fully Vaccinated.

15. Flight Crews and Marine Vessel crews as defined in section 5 of *Travel Restriction Order* (#24) are exempt from the self-isolation requirements if:

- a) They enter and leave Nunavut on the same day; and
- b) They do not leave the Airport premises or the sealift unloading area in the applicable community or communities.

16. Emergency Service Providers are exempt from the self-isolation requirements when entering Nunavut to respond to a declared state of emergency under the *Emergency Measures Act* or the *Emergencies Act* (Canada), or to render aid to the civil power pursuant to the *National Defence Act* (Canada).

Part 4: Travel from Restricted Communities, Mine Sites, and Wilderness Tourism

17. In this Part,

- a) “Restricted Community” means any part of Nunavut that is subject to a community-specific travel restriction order.
- b) “Mine Site” means any operating mine where the owners or operators have implemented a return to work protocol approved by the Office of the Chief Public Health Officer.
- c) “Wilderness Tourism” has the same meaning as defined in the *Tourism Act*.
- d) “Wilderness Tourism Location” means any place in Nunavut where the owners and operators have implemented an operations plan approved by the Office of the Chief Public Health Officer.

18. Pursuant to subsection 41 (1)(g) of the Act,

- a) All persons travelling from a Restricted Community to any other community in Nunavut shall self-isolate in their Residence or in an alternate location approved by the Chief Public Health Officer for at least the following time periods:
 - i. Ten (10) days, where the person is either Unvaccinated or Partially Vaccinated;
 - ii. Seven (7) days, where the person is Fully Vaccinated; or
 - iii. Any other time period stipulated by the Chief Public Health Officer or a Medical Health Officer.
- b) All persons travelling from a Restricted Community to any other community in Nunavut may leave their place of isolation to undergo COVID-19 testing as directed by a Medical Health Officer or to receive medical treatment.
- c) All persons travelling from a Restricted Community to any other community in Nunavut shall conduct themselves in a manner that will not expose others to infection or to take other precautions to prevent or limit the direct or indirect transmission of novel coronavirus COVID-19 to others.

- d) All persons travelling from a Restricted Community must not allow any visitors to enter their Residence, except where the visitors are responding to an emergency.

19. Pursuant to subsection 41 (1) (g) of the Act,

- a) Nunavut residents travelling from a Mine Site where the Chief Public Health Officer has confirmed community transmission of COVID-19 shall self-isolate in their Residence or in an alternate location approved by the Chief Public Health Officer upon arrival in their destination community for at least the following time periods:
 - i. Ten (10) days, where the person is either Unvaccinated or Partially Vaccinated;
 - ii. Seven (7) days, where the person is Fully Vaccinated; or
 - iii. Any other time period stipulated by the Chief Public Health Officer or a Medical Health Officer.
- b) Nunavut residents travelling from a Mine Site to any community in Nunavut may leave their place of isolation to undergo COVID-19 testing as directed by a Medical Health Officer or to receive medical treatment.
- c) Nunavut residents travelling from a Mine Site to any community in Nunavut shall conduct themselves in a manner that will not expose others to infection or to take other precautions to prevent or limit the direct or indirect transmission of novel coronavirus COVID-19 to others.

20. Pursuant to subsection 41 (1) (g) of the Act,

- a) All persons travelling from a Wilderness Tourism Location where the Chief Public Health Officer has confirmed community transmission of COVID-19 shall self-isolate in their Residence or in an alternate location approved by the Chief Public Health Officer upon arrival in their destination community for at least the following time periods:
 - i. Ten (10) days, where the person is either Unvaccinated or Partially Vaccinated;
 - ii. Seven (7) days, where the person is Fully Vaccinated; or

- iii. Any other time period stipulated by the Chief Public Health Officer or a Medical Health Officer.
 - b) All persons travelling from a Wilderness Tourism Location to any community in Nunavut may leave their place of isolation to undergo COVID-19 testing as directed by a Medical Health Officer.
 - c) All persons travelling from a Wilderness Tourism Location to any community in Nunavut shall conduct themselves in a manner that will not expose others to infection or to take other precautions to prevent or limit the direct or indirect transmission of novel coronavirus COVID-19 to others.
21. All persons who normally live in the same Residence as a traveller listed in sections 17, 18, and 19 shall follow the same self-isolation conditions as the traveller unless they are Fully Vaccinated.

Part 4: Revoked Certificates of Authorization

22. Pursuant to subsection 41 (1) (g) of the Act,
- a) All persons who receive a certificate of authorization to enter Nunavut without completing a ten-day isolation period pursuant to Part 3 or Part 5 of *Travel Restriction Order (#24)* shall immediately self isolate in their Residence or in an alternate location approved by the Chief Public Health Officer if the Chief Public Health Officer revokes their certificate of authorization.
 - b) All persons who receive a certificate of authorization to enter a Restricted Community without completing a ten-day isolation period pursuant to the applicable community-specific travel restriction order shall immediately self-isolate in their Residence or in an alternate location approved by the Chief Public Health Officer if the Chief Public Health Officer revokes their certificate of authorization.
23. All persons who normally live in the same Residence as a person listed in section 23 shall follow the same self-isolation conditions as the person subject to the revoked certificate of authorization.
24. All Fully Vaccinated persons who normally live in the same Residence as a person subject to a revoked certificate of authorization are exempt from the self-isolation requirements in section 23.

Part 6: Transitional and Enforcement

25. The Chief Public Health Officer may shorten the isolation period set out in paragraph 11 for Fully Vaccinated parents and children under age 12 who have completed a portion of isolation at a designated facility outside of Nunavut prior to the effective date of this order.
26. The Chief Public Health Officer may shorten or cancel the isolation period set out in Paragraph 11 for Partially Vaccinated children between 5 and 12 years of age who become Fully Vaccinated during the effective period of this order.
27. Pursuant to subsection 41(1)(f) of the Act, members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, 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 section 41(4) of the Act, the peace officers listed in paragraph 28 may enter a dwelling without a warrant if:
 - a) the occupant or person in charge of the dwelling consents; or
 - b) the dwelling, or something in or only accessible through the dwelling, is a serious and immediate risk to public health.
29. Failure to comply with this Order may be considered a breach of this Order issued under the Act and may result in penalties under the 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 Office of the Chief Public Health Officer for the purposes circumventing mandatory self-isolation constitutes a breach of this Order.
31. In the event of a conflict between this Order and an order issued to a specific individual pursuant to sections 55, 56, or 57 of the Act, the individual order shall prevail to the extent of the conflict.

32. Nothing in this Order restricts the powers granted to the Minister of Transport in the *Aeronautics Act* (Canada) to issue orders respecting air travel.

This order is effective at 12:01 am Eastern Standard Time (UTC-5:00) on January 19, 2022 and remains in effect for the duration of the Public Health Emergency, unless otherwise rescinded.



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