

CANADA
NUNAVUT

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

ORDER DESIGNATING SANTA CLAUS AS AN EXEMPT CRITICAL WORKER (#2)

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 designation every fourteen (14) days for the duration of the Public Health Emergency; and
- B. It is in the public interest to designate qualified persons to be providers of critical services for the benefit of all Nunavummiut;

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

1. Pursuant to subsection 41(1)(e) of the Act, **Santa Claus** (also known as Père Noel, Father Christmas, Saint Nicholas, Kris Kringle, and Sinterklaas) is designated as a provider of critical services; specifically, the delivery of Christmas presents to the children and young-at-heart of Nunavut, subject to the conditions set out in this Order.
2. Santa Claus shall self-monitor for symptoms of novel coronavirus COVID-19 and report to the Office of the Chief Public Health Officer if symptoms develop.

Part 1: Entry to Dwellings

3. Santa Claus is authorized to enter dwellings for the purposes of performing essential services, subject to the following conditions:
 - a. He must wear a non-medical mask or face covering at all times;
 - b. He must maintain social distancing of at least two (2) metres from anyone else in the dwelling;
 - c. He must wash his hands or use approved hand sanitizer after visiting each dwelling; and
 - d. At all times he shall be on the lookout for any Grinches originating from north of Whoville impersonating Santa Claus for the purposes of stealing

Christmas, and shall report any such imposters to the nearest Royal Canadian Mounted Police detachment without delay.

4. Entry by Santa Claus into a dwelling shall not constitute a gathering for the purposes of the *Order Respecting Social Distancing and Gatherings* (#18) or any subsequent order respecting social distancing and gatherings.
5. The presence of Santa Claus in dwelling shall not count towards the gathering limits set out in *Order Respecting Social Distancing and Gatherings* (#18) or any subsequent order respecting social distancing and gatherings.

Part 2: Compliance with Federal Orders

6. Santa Claus is responsible for complying with any applicable federal orders respecting travel and entry to Canada issued pursuant to federal legislation, including but not limited to the *Aeronautics Act* and the *Quarantine Act*.

This order is effective at 11:59 pm Greenwich Time (UTC±0:00) Thursday, December 23, 2021 and remains in effect until 11:59 pm Greenwich Time (UTC±0:00) January 9, 2022.



Dr. Michael Patterson
Chief Public Health Officer