

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

TRAVEL RESTRICTION ORDER

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;
- 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:

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

- 1. Pursuant to subsection 41(1)(e) of the Act, all travel within Nunavut that originated from across any inter-jurisdictional border is hereby prohibited with the following exceptions:
 - a. Nunavut residents returning to Nunavut bearing a letter of authorization from the Chief Public Health Officer in accordance with paragraph 2;
 - b. Nunavut residents returning to Nunavut from medical travel, and any medical travel escorts, subject to the direction and authorization of the Chief Public Health Officer in accordance with paragraph 2;
 - c. 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.;
 - d. Flight crews working on any flights arriving in Nunavut, including medical evacuation flights;
 - e. Persons engaged in providing critical services;
 - f. Persons engaged in providing support services to critical services workers;

- g. Nunavut Inuit exercising their hunting rights as set out in Article 5 of the *Nunavut Agreement* and who exercise the right to harvest outside of Nunavut may travel back to their place of residence in Nunavut if they have not travelled to a community or populated area outside of Nunavut. If the person has traveled to a community or populated area outside of Nunavut, they shall not travel within Nunavut unless they do so in accordance with 2(i) of this order;
 - h. A person from outside of Nunavut, who has an Aboriginal or treaty right to harvest in an area of Nunavut while exercising that right within Nunavut. Those persons may continue to exercise those rights but shall not travel to a community or populated area of Nunavut;
 - i. Transient workers in operating mines who enter Nunavut on private flights operating directly to and from the mine site; transient workers must remain at the mine site and shall not enter any community or populated area of Nunavut;
 - j. Persons being transported to a correctional facility in Nunavut, along with those persons engaged in the transportation or escort to a correctional facility Nunavut; and
 - k. Persons being transported to or from a hospital or health facility outside Nunavut pursuant to an order under the *Mental Health Act* or the *Public Health Act*, including patients and those persons who are required to travel with those patients.
2. 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 Nunavut are subject to the following restrictions, as specifically set out below:
- (i) Prior to returning to Nunavut, all Nunavut residents except medical travel clients and escorts must complete a fourteen-day isolation period, either voluntarily or subject to an order by an official having jurisdiction, at a place designated by the Chief Public

Health Officer in Ottawa Ontario, Winnipeg Manitoba, Edmonton Alberta, or Yellowknife Northwest Territories.

Upon completion of the isolation period, the Chief Public Health Officer will issue Nunavut residents with a clearance letter authorizing them to return to Nunavut.

- (ii) Medical travel clients and escorts may be subject to fourteen-day isolation period at a place designated by the Chief Public Health Officer, either prior to returning to Nunavut or immediately upon their return, subject to the direction of the Chief Public Health Officer.
- (iii) The Chief Public Health Officer may issue certificates of authorization to individuals who can demonstrate that they have completed a fourteen-day isolation period. These residents do not have to complete the isolation period set out in paragraph 2 (i).
- (iv) Nunavut residents who have returned to Nunavut within fourteen days before the commencement of this Order shall immediately begin self-isolation in the community or location they are in for the remainder of the fourteen-day period. For greater certainty, these residents do not have to self-isolate in one of the communities set out above.
- (v) Persons listed in paragraphs 1(a), (b), (j), and (k) must return to Nunavut on charter flights arranged by the Government of Nunavut. These persons may be subject to isolation in a secure location upon their return to Nunavut.
- (vi) Import/export and supply chain workers shall abide by social distancing guidelines established by the Chief

Public Health Officer. These workers shall also self-monitor and contact a Medical Health Officer if they exhibit any symptoms of novel coronavirus COVID-19.

- (vii) Persons engaged in critical services work or those involved in providing support services to critical services workers who enter Nunavut must self-monitor and contact a Medical Health Officer immediately to undergo a risk assessment.
- (viii) Persons engaged in providing critical services or those providing support services for essential services workers, who entered Nunavut within fourteen days before the commencement of this Order must self-monitor and immediately contact a Medical Health Officer to undergo a risk assessment.
- (ix) Persons travelling on flights to Nunavut which must divert due to weather or mechanical reasons may continue travelling to Nunavut provided that the diversion lasts no longer than ninety (90) minutes and the persons remain onboard the aircraft or within the air terminal building at the diversion airport. If the diversion exceeds ninety (90) minutes, the flight must return to its departure point.

Persons exempted in paragraph 1(a)-(j) shall comply with all recommendations and directions provided by Medical Health Officers.

This order is effective at 11:59 pm Tuesday March 24, 2020 and remains in effect for the duration of the Public Health Emergency, unless otherwise rescinded.



Dr. Michael Patterson
Chief Public Health Officer