

CANADA  
NUNAVUT

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

**ORDER REQUISITIONING SCHOOL FACILITIES FOR USE IN PANDEMIC  
RESPONSE**

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) (d) of the *Public Health Act*, the Chief Public Health Officer may take certain actions, including issuing directions or orders for the purposes of acquiring or using real or personal property, whether private or public; and
- C. The Chief Public Health Officer requires the use of certain school facilities for the purposes of conducting community testing and vaccination clinics;

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

- 1. The Chief Public Health Officer may use the gymnasium at any school facility in Nunavut for the purposes of conducting community COVID-19 testing clinics and vaccination clinics.
- 2. District Education Authorities shall not impede or restrict access to any school gymnasium by representatives of the Office of the Chief Public Health Officer or the Department of Health.
- 3. District Education Authority personnel shall render reasonable assistance to representatives of the Office of the Chief Public Health Officer or the Department of Health when school gymnasiums are being used for community testing and vaccination clinics.

4. The Office of the Chief Public Health Officer and the Department of Health shall take all reasonable precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the school facility.
5. 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.
6. 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:
  - a. A \$575 fine for individuals; and
  - b. A \$2875 fine for corporations.

This order is effective at 12:01 am Eastern Time on Friday, January 14, 2022 and remains in effect for the duration of the Public Health Emergency, unless otherwise rescinded.



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Dr. Michael Patterson  
Chief Public Health Officer