

CANADA  
NUNAVUT

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

**TRAVEL RESTRICTION ORDER (#10)**

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;
- C. The Government of the Northwest Territories has imposed restrictions on entry into the Northwest Territories pursuant to section 33 of the Northwest Territories *Public Health Act*, S.N.W.T. 2007, c. 17; and
- D. The Government of Canada has imposed restrictions on entry into Canada pursuant to section 58 of the *Quarantine Act*;

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

- 1. The Travel Restriction Order (#9) effective August 4, 2020 is rescinded and replaced with this Order.

**Part 1: Travel from the Northwest Territories**

- 2. Pursuant to subsection 41 (1) (e) of the Act, all persons travelling to Nunavut from any destination within the Northwest Territories shall be subject to the provisions set out in Part 3 of this Order.
- 3. All persons who entered Nunavut from any community in the Northwest Territories on or after April 28, 2021 must immediately self-isolate for fourteen (14) days.
- 4. *Mandatory Self-Isolation Order (#2)* shall apply to all persons entering Nunavut from any community in the Northwest Territories on or after April 28, 2021.

5. Persons travelling on scheduled flights between the Kitikmeot Region and any other part of Nunavut containing a stopover or change of aircraft in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories are exempt from the requirements in Part 3 of this Order.

## **Part 2: Nunavut and Churchill, Manitoba Common Travel Area**

6. Pursuant to subsection 41 (1) (e) of the Act, the Nunavut and Churchill, Manitoba Common Travel Area is established, consisting of all parts of Canada within the territorial boundaries of Nunavut as set out in the *Nunavut Act* and the municipal boundaries of the Town of Churchill in the Province of Manitoba as defined in the *Municipal Status and Boundaries Regulation*, Man. Reg. 567/88 R, and includes overland travel in unpopulated areas between the boundary between Nunavut and Manitoba and the Town of Churchill.
7. All persons may travel throughout the Nunavut and Churchill, Manitoba Common Travel Area, where:
  - a. They have not been physically present outside either the Nunavut and Northwest Territories Common Travel Area or the Nunavut and Churchill, Manitoba Common Travel Area in the fourteen (14) days prior to travel;
  - b. They have completed any mandatory self-isolation protocol required by an order of the Chief Public Health Officer in Nunavut, the Northwest Territories, or Manitoba
  - c. They stay within the boundaries of the Nunavut and Churchill, Manitoba Common Travel Area for the duration of travel.
8. All persons seeking to travel from Nunavut to Churchill, Manitoba must contact the Office of the Chief Public Health Officer for Nunavut and provide:
  - a. Contact information, such as an address and phone number, at the person's regular place of residence;
  - b. Contact information, such as an address and phone number where the person can be reached while in Nunavut; and
  - c. A written declaration containing the information set out in Appendix "A" to this Order.
9. All persons must produce proof of authorization to travel from the Office of the Chief Public Health Officer prior to travelling to Nunavut.

10. All persons seeking to travel to Churchill, Manitoba from Nunavut must comply with any Orders issued by the Chief Public Health Officer of Manitoba while they are present in Manitoba.
11. All persons who leave the Nunavut and Churchill, Manitoba Common Travel Area are subject to the isolation requirements set out in Part 3 of this Order.

### **Part 3: All Other Travel to Nunavut**

12. Pursuant to subsection 41(1)(e) of the Act, all travel to Nunavut originating from across any inter-jurisdictional border, including the boundary between Nunavut and the Northwest Territories, but excluding the boundary between Nunavut and the municipal boundaries of the Town of Churchill, Manitoba is hereby restricted to:
  - a. Nunavut residents returning to Nunavut bearing a letter of authorization from the Chief Public Health Officer in accordance with paragraph 13;
  - b. Nunavut residents returning to Nunavut from medical travel and any Nunavut residents serving as medical travel escorts, subject to specific exemptions and the direction and authorization of the Chief Public Health Officer in accordance with paragraph 13;
  - c. Non-residents entering Nunavut for the purposes of commencing a contract of employment bearing a letter of authorization from the Chief Public Health Officer in accordance with paragraph 13;
  - d. Non-residents entering Nunavut for the purposes of family reunification bearing a letter of authorization from the Chief Public Health Officer in accordance with paragraph 13;
  - e. 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;
  - f. Flight crews working on any flights arriving in Nunavut, including medical evacuation flights;
  - g. Marine vessel crews working on vessels engaged in the annual marine resupply (sealift), subject to any specific directions and orders of the Chief Public Health Officer;

- h. Persons engaged in providing critical services bearing a letter from their employer stating the urgent need for the persons to travel to Nunavut;
- i. Persons engaged in providing support services to critical services workers bearing a letter from their employer stating an urgent need for the persons to travel to Nunavut;
- j. Nunavut Inuit exercising their 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 a Common Travel Area as defined in Part 2 of this order. If the person has traveled to a community or populated area outside of the Common Travel Area, they shall not travel within Nunavut unless they do so in accordance with paragraph 13 (a) of this order;
- k. A person from the Northwest Territories, who has an Aboriginal or treaty right in an area of Nunavut while exercising that right within Nunavut may travel back to their place of residence in the Northwest Territories if they have not travelled to a community or populated area in Nunavut.
- l. A person from outside of Nunavut or the Northwest Territories, 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;
- m. 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;
- n. Persons engaged in the construction of critical infrastructure projects, subject to specific directions and orders of the Chief Public Health Officer;
- o. Persons being transported to a correctional facility in Nunavut, along with those persons engaged in the transportation or escort to a correctional facility in Nunavut;

- p. 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;
- q. Members of the Canadian Armed Forces and civilian employees posted to the Canadian Forces Stations in Alert and Eureka who enter Nunavut on military flights operating directly to and from the stations; these individuals must remain at their assigned station and shall not enter any community or populated area of Nunavut;
- r. Any foreign national, including a Temporary Foreign Worker entitled to enter Canada pursuant to the Federal Orders-in-Council 2021-0076 or 2021-0077 or any subsequent Federal Order-in-Council respecting entry to Canada, with an urgent and substantial need to enter Nunavut bearing a letter of authorization from the Chief Public Health Officer;
- s. Any Person, including flight and vessel crewmembers who enter Canada at a fixed or temporary Port of Entry in Nunavut who is permitted to enter Canada pursuant to Federal Orders-in-Council 2021-0076 or 2020-0077 or any subsequent Federal Order-in-Council respecting entry to Canada;
- t. Any other Person with an urgent and substantial need to enter Nunavut bearing a letter of authorization from the Chief Public Health Officer; and
- u. Members of the Canadian Armed Forces, Canadian Coast Guard and Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary on active service in Nunavut.

13. 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:

- a. Prior to returning to Nunavut, all persons listed in paragraphs 12 (a), (c), (d), (n), (r), (s), and (t) must complete a minimum 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 these persons with a clearance letter authorizing them to return to Nunavut.

- b. Prior to returning to Nunavut, all persons listed in paragraph 12 (b) must complete a minimum 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.
- c. All persons listed in paragraphs 12 (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (o), (p), (q), and (u) are exempt from the fourteen-day isolation period.
- d. The Members of Parliament and Senators representing Nunavut and the Northwest Territories, and Members of the Nunavut Legislative Assembly are entitled to an exemption from the fourteen-day isolation period upon written request to the Chief Public Health Officer when travelling for official Parliamentary or Legislative Assembly business. For greater certainty, these individuals may choose to complete the fourteen-day isolation period set out in paragraph 13 (a) when travelling for official Parliamentary or Legislative Assembly business and must complete the isolation period when travelling for personal business.
- e. All persons seeking to travel to Nunavut, including Nunavut residents, must advise the Office of the Chief Public Health Officer if they have been outside of Canada at any time during the fourteen (14) days prior to their anticipated return to Nunavut, and demonstrate proof of compliance with any applicable quarantine and isolation orders issued under the *Quarantine Act*.
- f. 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 13 (a).

- g. The isolation periods in paragraphs 13 (a) and (b) may be extended to accommodate air carrier schedules and flight cancellations. This extension period shall not exceed six (6) days.
- h. Persons listed in paragraphs 12 (o) and (p) must return to Nunavut on charter flights arranged by the Government of Nunavut or the Government of Canada. These persons may be subject to isolation in a secure location upon their return to Nunavut.
- i. All persons who are exempt from the isolation period set out in paragraph 13 (a) shall self-isolate in accordance with *Mandatory Self-Isolation Order (#2)* or any subsequent order respecting self-isolation.
- j. All persons who are exempt from the isolation period set out in paragraph 13 (a) must self-monitor and contact a Medical Health Officer immediately to undergo a risk assessment.
- k. Prior to entering Nunavut, all persons who travelled outside of Canada at any time in the fourteen days prior to entering Nunavut must produce proof of compliance with any applicable quarantine and isolation orders issued under the *Quarantine Act*.
- l. Upon entering Nunavut, persons listed in paragraph 12 (s) must report to the Office of the Chief Public Health Officer within one (1) hour of arrival and shall not leave the airport or Port of Entry until directed by the Chief Public Health Officer.
- m. Persons entering Nunavut from outside Canada must enter at the Iqaluit International Airport or to fixed or designated Ports of Entry.
- n. Persons travelling on flights to Nunavut which must land at an airport outside Nunavut for a station stop, technical stop, or a diversion due to weather or an emergency may continue travelling to Nunavut provided that the station stop, technical stop, or diversion lasts no longer than ninety (90) minutes and the persons remain within the airport premises at the diversion airport. If the station stop, technical stop, or diversion exceeds ninety (90) minutes, the flight must return to its departure point or to another destination outside Nunavut if it is safe to do so unless authorized by the Chief Public Health Officer. For greater certainty, the flight must report to the Chief Public Health

Officer for instructions if its time at the airport, including planned and unplanned stops, exceeds three (3) hours.

14. Persons exempted in paragraphs 13 (c) and (d) shall comply with all recommendations and directions provided by Medical Health Officers.
15. Nothing in this Order shall affect parents and their children from exercising their custody and access rights, except:
  - a. As ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction; or
  - b. Where parent or the child is subject to a mandatory isolation order issued by an official having jurisdiction.
16. Pursuant to subsection 41(1)(f) of the *Public Health 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.
17. Pursuant to subsection 41(4) of the *Public Health Act*, the peace officers listed in paragraph 16 may not enter a dwelling without a warrant unless the occupant or person in charge of the dwelling consents.
18. 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.
19. Providing false or misleading statements to the Chief Public Health Officer for the purposes of entering Nunavut or circumventing mandatory isolation constitutes a breach of this Order.
20. The Chief Public Health Officer may contact the Office of the Chief Public Health Officer for the Northwest Territories to confirm a traveller's compliance with paragraph 3 of this Order.



This order is effective at 12:01 am Eastern Daylight Time (UTC-4:00) Tuesday, May 4, 2021 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

## Appendix “A”

### Nunavut and Churchill, Manitoba Common Travel Area Traveller’s Declaration

#### Background

1. The Chief Public Health Officer of Nunavut, in partnership with the Chief Public Health Officer of Manitoba has established a Common Travel Area between Nunavut and Churchill, Manitoba.
2. This allows unrestricted travel between Nunavut Churchill, Manitoba for anyone who has not travelled outside Nunavut in the fourteen (14) days prior to travel and who have completed any mandatory self-isolation ordered by the Chief Public Health Officer of Nunavut or Manitoba.
3. Travellers who do not leave the Common Travel Area do not have to isolate prior to their return home.
4. If you leave the Common Travel Area at any time you will have to isolate at a designated facility prior to returning home.
5. The Common Travel Area includes overland travel through unpopulated areas between the Nunavut-Manitoba boundary and Churchill.
6. All Travellers intending to travel to Nunavut must complete this declaration and submit it to [CPHOTravelrequests@gov.nu.ca](mailto:CPHOTravelrequests@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.
7. A parent or guardian may complete the declaration on behalf of their minor children.
8. Making a false declaration is a breach of the Travel Restriction Order.

#### Declaration of Traveller

1. I, \_\_\_\_\_ intend to travel to \_\_\_\_\_  
(community) on \_\_\_\_\_ (date).
2. I have been physically present within the boundaries of Nunavut or Churchill, Manitoba for the past fourteen (14) days.
3. I will not leave the following Common Travel Area during my trip (check the appropriate box):
  - a. Nunavut and Churchill, Manitoba Common Travel Area
4. I acknowledge that if I leave the Common Travel Area at any time during my trip, I will have to isolate at a designated facility for at least fourteen (14) days before I can return to Nunavut and will be responsible for arranging and paying to travel to a designated facility.
5. 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. This information may be shared with the Chief Public Health Officer of Manitoba.

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](mailto:atipp@gov.nu.ca).