

New Rules Related to Travel to Nunavik: Interpretation in Relation to Construction Work

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As of April 11th, all rules related to travels to Nunavik originating from the Nunavik Department of Public Health will be lifted. This means that there will be no longer any special conditions to travel to the region.

Travellers will still have to respect rules by airline operators and provincial and federal public health and transport authorities.

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- Construction can continue with full crews;
- Travels are no longer restricted to essential activities;
- Quarantine is no longer required of travellers regardless of their protection status;
- A rapid test within 24 hours of departure to Nunavik is highly recommended;
- Note that people who test positive for COVID-19 cannot travel on an aircraft within 10 days of the onset of the infection;
- The vaccination passport is no longer required as per Nunavik rules but may still be required based on the Federal travel requirements when leaving from a designated airport; travellers should communicate with their carrier to get the information regarding those rules;
- Regular tests in work places are no longer recommended;
 - With the decreasing incidence of COVID-19 the value of regular tests is diminishing;
 - Individual who have symptoms should still isolate and get tested as per provincial recommendations;
- The management of cases and contacts of COVID-19 in Nunavik will follow the same rules as those elsewhere in the province;¹²
 - Vaccination status affects the isolation recommendations and duration; therefore, we recommend that vaccination be encouraged for all workers;
- Individuals who have been identified with COVID-19 must be isolated in facilities which allow necessary measures to be respected (this means that they must be in facilities where they can avoid contact with all other individuals); if this is not possible on the construction camp because facilities such as bathrooms are shared with large numbers of people, alternative isolation should be provide;
- Additional protective measures³ should be implemented in workplaces as recommended by the CNESST.

¹ <https://www.cnesst.gouv.qc.ca/fr/prevention-securite/coronavirus-covid-19/periode-disolement>

² <https://www.quebec.ca/en/health/health-issues/a-z/2019-coronavirus/self-isolation/covid-19-self-assessment-tool>

³ <https://www.cnesst.gouv.qc.ca/en/prevention-and-safety/covid-19/covid-19-toolkit>