

ORDINANCE 2021-16

Date: Octobre 26, 2021
Subject: Restrictions on travel between Nunavik communities

WHEREAS the rapid evolution of the transmission of COVID-19 in the communities of Nunavik;

WHEREAS the importance of community transmission in some communities, especially those on the Ungava Coast;

The regional director of public health, acting in accordance with article 106 of the Public Health Act, enacts the following restrictions on travel to and from Nunavik communities until further notice, in order to limit the spread of COVID- 19:

- Regular flights between communities of Hudson Coast and Ungava Coast are suspended until further notice, except for travels required by airline employees.
- Only individuals belonging to the following categories are authorized to travel to and from the communities of Nunavik, regardless of the means of transport, until further notice:
 - those required to travel to provide essential services in the sectors of education, public safety, justice, health, social services, day-care services, municipal services, telecommunications, airport operations, mining sector, construction and maintenance work deemed essential as well as their dependants who reside in the region;
 - those required to travel for humanitarian reasons;
 - those whose work involves commercial transport of goods or persons in the region;
 - those required to travel to the community under a court order.

It is the responsibility of Nunavik organizations to assess the relevance of travel for their employees, consultants or contractors. In the case of people traveling for health care, social services or youth protection, this responsibility belongs to the assigned health center. Thus, each organization must consider the extent to which travel of an employee, consultant, contractor – and client in the case of a health center – is essential and cannot be postponed. The reservation of a ticket via the TMS system is proof of the authorization to travel.

People whose scheduled flight is not funded by an organization must apply for a travel authorization at: covid-lockdown.nrbhss@ssss.gouv.qc.ca or by calling 1-855-797-6592.

People traveling by chartered flight must send their request for a travel authorization to the usual address: surveillance.vigie.nrbhss@ssss.gouv.qc.ca.

The Nunavik territory access authorization request process (AATN) continues to apply for travel from outside Nunavik.

- Considering the previous measures, regular flights serving the communities of Kangirsuk and Salluit may resume as of October 26, 2021, in modification of the orders of October 15, 2021 and October 20, 2021 respectively;



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