

ORDINANCE 2021-06

Date: September 21, 2021

Subject: Sanitary restrictions and measures in place when traveling to Nunavik

WHEREAS there was very low number of new cases of COVID-19 in the communities of Nunavik since the beginning of 2021;

WHEREAS all adults in Nunavik, in the province of Quebec and in the rest of Canada, have had the opportunity to receive two doses of vaccination against COVID-19;

WHEREAS there is evidence that two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine reduce the risk of the SARS-CoV-2 infection and thus, that fully vaccinated individuals are less likely to be contagious;

WHEREAS the sanitary restrictions and measures in place for travelers to some Canadian jurisdictions are similar to the ones for travelers to Nunavik;

The Regional Director of Public Health, as per section 106 of the Public Health Act, and the Director of Public Security of Nunavik, as per a Civil Protection Act, maintain the restrictions applicable to travel to Nunavik. All individuals are authorized to travel to Nunavik if they obtain an authorization to access the territory of Nunavik (NTAA) and comply with public health and public safety directives. Thus:

- a questionnaire requesting the authorization to enter the territory must be completed at least 72 hours before departure;
- before traveling, all individuals except children aged less than one (1) year of age must provide proof that they have tested negative for COVID-19 within 72 hours prior to departure. A child for whom the test is too difficult will not be refused boarding, even in the absence of a test result;
- all individuals of 12 years of age and older, unless presenting a medical exemption, must at all time wear a procedure mask while on plane;
- individuals unprotected against COVID-19 must quarantine for ten (10) days, including children less than 12 years old;
- the quarantine is no longer required for protected individuals against COVID-19 who can provide proof of such protection before travelling;

- all passengers must be tested for COVID-19 between four (4) and seven (7) days after their arrival to the region;
- for unprotected individuals coming from a Canadian jurisdiction where sanitary restrictions and measures in place for travelers are similar to the ones for travelers to Nunavik, the quarantine is no longer required if:
 - o the traveler has been in the territory for at least fourteen (14) continuous days prior to travel;
 - o there was no active COVID-19 case in the community of departure since at least fourteen (14) days;
 - o the individual has completed any mandatory self-isolation ordered by the applicable public health authority of the Canadian jurisdiction of departure.

Travelers coming from Nunavut, Northwest Territories or the Town of Churchill and overland areas between Churchill and the Nunavut-Manitoba boundary are deemed to comply with the previous conditions and are exempted from quarantine.

Travel between the northern villages of Nunavik is permitted without conditions.

In the event of a change in the health situation, the regional director of public health and the director of public security could again restrict access to the territory or issue conditions for travel between the northern villages of Nunavik.

Protected individual, for the purpose of travelers' management within the context of this ordinance, is defined as: an individual immunized at least 14 days prior with any combination of two doses of the following vaccines [MOD COVID-19 (Moderna), PB COVID-19 (Pfizer-BioNTech), AZ COVID-19 (AstraZeneca), Covishield (SII)] or one dose of the following vaccine [JAN COVID-19 (Janssen)] **or** if immunized at least 14 days prior with one dose of any COVID-19 vaccine available in Canada after having had laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 infection;

Unprotected individual is defined as: an individual that does not meet the above definition, i.e. is not immunized or has incomplete immunization.

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