

ORDINANCE 2021-20

Date: November 9, 2021
Subject: Mandatory Vaccine Passports for Travel

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

WHEREAS the importance of establishing measures to protect the population;

WHEREAS scientific literature shows that two doses of COVID-19 vaccine reduce the risk of SARS-CoV-2 infection and that adequately immunized people are less contagious;

WHEREAS Transport Canada Interim Order Respecting Certain Requirements for Civil Aviation Due to COVID-19, No. 43 is in effect since October 30, 2021, for designated airports;

Effective November 30, 2021, vaccine passports are mandatory for all travel. The Vaccine Passport is the proof of vaccination from the Government of Québec. Residents from outside the Province must use official proof of COVID-19 vaccination provided by their country or Canadian Province.

Only those who are fully protected against COVID-19¹, will be authorized to travel between the communities of Nunavik, to the Nunavik region and from the Nunavik region, regardless of the means of transportation. This requirement will not apply to the following:

- those who are less than 12 years and four months of age;
- those whose travel is necessary to obtain healthcare or services in accordance with their state of health or their social situation as recommended by a health or social services professional;
- those accompanying:
 - a child under the age of 14 years, who requires healthcare or social services;
 - a pregnant woman during childbirth;
 - a person incapable of consenting to care required by their state of health;
 - a person who, for reason of health, safety or security, requires assistance that the operator of a health or social services institution cannot provide;
- those visiting someone in palliative care;

1. An individual is considered adequately protected if he meets the criteria defined by the Government of Quebec: <https://www.quebec.ca/en/health/health-issues/a-z/2019-coronavirus/progress-of-the-covid-19-vaccination/covid-19-vaccination-passport/covid-19-protection-status>

- those whose travel is necessary for humanitarian purposes;
- those required to travel in a situation of force majeure according to regional authorities;
- inmates being moved from a correctional facility to another facility or in the custody of a police service being transferred to a detention facility;
- ex-detainees released from detention who return home;
- those required to travel to comply with an order in a court judgment, including visits required by the Department of Youth Protection;
- those travelling to return to their home. With the authorization of the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services, these persons are authorized to make the trip once, before December 30, 2021.

Transport Canada regulation apply for travel from designated airports to Nunavik since October 30, 2021. This ordinance applies in addition to the federal regulation in force, it does not replace it.



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