

## ORDINANCE 2022-01

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Subject: Red alert level for Puvirniutq

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This ordinance replaces the Ordinance 2021-24-1.

With the COVID-19 situation in **Puvirniutq**, the Director of Public Health, in accordance with section 106 of the *Public Health Act*, has enacted travel restrictions to and from **Puvirniutq** as well as public measures to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 until further notice.

- 1) Only the persons of the following categories are authorized to travel **to Puvirniutq**:
  - those residing in that community;
  - those required to travel to provide essential services in the sectors of education, public safety, justice, health, social services, day-care services, airport operations, municipal services and telecommunications as well as for construction and maintenance work deemed essential;
  - 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 that community under a court order.
  
- 2) Only the persons of the following categories are authorized to travel **from Puvirniutq**:
  - those required to travel to provide essential services in the sectors of education, public safety, justice, health, social services, day-care services, airport operations, municipal services and telecommunications as well as for construction and maintenance work deemed essential;
  - 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 another community under a court order or a court judgment;
  - detained persons who must be transferred from a correctional institution to another institution or under the custody of the police for transfer to a detention facility;
  - those required to travel to obtain care or services due to their state of health.

The persons belonging to the categories mentioned in 2) **who travel to another Nunavik community** may travel if they meet the following conditions:

- they do not have any symptoms consistent with COVID-19 (unusual cough, breathing difficulties, fever, loss of the sense of smell or taste) and are not identified as COVID-19 cases or case contacts by the Department of Public Health. Otherwise, they are required to travel by special flight;

- before departure<sup>1</sup>, with the exception of children aged under one year, they must show proof of a negative result for a COVID-19 test performed within a 72-hour period preceding travel;<sup>2</sup>
- perform 10-day quarantine upon their arrival if they are not adequately protected<sup>3</sup> against COVID-19, including children under 12 years;
- undergo a COVID-19 test between the fourth and seventh day after their arrival in the destination community.

As of December 29, 2021, only people belonging to the categories mentioned in 2) can travel **to the south of the province**, under the following conditions:

- they do not have any symptoms consistent with COVID-19 (unusual cough, breathing difficulties, fever, loss of sense of smell or taste) and are not identified as COVID-19 cases or case contacts by the Department of Public Health. Otherwise, they are required to travel by special flight.

3) The following public measures are in effect for the community of **Puvirnitug**:

- The church, the arena, the school (with the exception of staff for the preparation of educational material), retail stores with the exception of food stores, the Town Hall (for visitors) or any other public place deemed non-essential are closed and all activities non-essential are suspended;
- Essential services such as groceries store, garage, hotel, CLSC, municipal services (electricity, heating, water services), telecommunications, construction and maintenance work deemed critical, daycare services for the children of essential workers as well as the police service remain open;
- The airport is only open to travelers and people who work there;
- Public organizations are closed to customers except when it comes to providing an essential service. Measures must then be taken to enforce physical distancing and wearing of a face covering.
- Teleworking is strongly recommended and only employees providing an essential service should go to the workplace, in compliance with prevention measures;
- Residents are instructed to cease all visits, including those between family members not living in the same house;
- Outings on the land among persons living in the same house are permitted;
- A curfew imposed until further notice. It is forbidden for any person, between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m., to be away from their residence, unless they can demonstrate that they are away from this place to obtain essential services or to provide such services.

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1. In the event that the CLSC is unable to perform the screening test within 72 hours of departure, a test on arrival in the community is recommended.

2. A child for whom testing is too difficult will not be refused boarding, even in the absence of a test result.

3. A person **adequately protected** against COVID-19 Omicron variant, for the purposes of this ordinance, is a person who has received a booster dose (3rd dose) of COVID-19 vaccine for at least 14 days OR who had COVID-19 confirmed by a lab test or an IDNOW test and has received a 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of COVID-19 vaccine within at least 21 days of the positive test.

A person **not adequately protected** is a person who does not meet the previous definition. This definition currently includes people under the age of 18 for whom booster dose have not yet been approved.

In case of a change in the current health situation in Nunavik, the Director of Public Health may enact other directives.



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