

ORDINANCE 2022-8

Date: January 19, 2022
Subject: Changes to the alert level of Nunavik communities

WHEREAS a new variant of concern of COVID-19, the Omicron variant, has been predominant in Quebec since December 15, 2021;

WHEREAS the majority of villages in Nunavik are experiencing sustained community transmission of COVID-19 and such transmission is most likely present in other communities even if it has not yet been documented;

WHEREAS the uncertainty regarding the impact of the Omicron variant on the already weakened healthcare network in the region and in the South;

WHEREAS the importance of implementing measures to limit the introduction of the Omicron variant in the Nunavik communities and thus protect the population;

The regional director of public health, acting under section 106 of the Public Health Act, changes the alert levels of Nunavik communities. As of January 19, 2022, all Nunavik communities are at the Red alert level. Thus, the communities of Kuujjuaraapik, Umiujaq, Inukjuak, Akulivik, Aupaluk and Tasiujaq are changed from the Orange + alert level to the Red alert level.

This ordinance and Ordinance 2022-07 (Red Level Measures, January 19, 2022) replace Ordinances 2021-17-4 (Kangihsualujuaq, December 27, 2021), 2021-11-1 (Ivujivik, December 27, 2021), 2022- 01-1 (Puvirnituaq, January 2, 2022), 2022-02-1 (Tasiujaq, January 6, 2022), 2022-03-1 (Kuujjuaq, January 7, 2022), 2022-4-1 (Salluit, January 10, 2022), 2022-5-1 (Kangihsujuaq, January 14, 2022), 2022-06-1 (Kangirsuk January 17, 2022) and 2021-28 (Alert levels in Nunavik, December 30, 2021).



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