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COVID-19: New Restrictions in Nunavik Airports

Kuujuuaq, October 20, 2021 –Due to a recent outbreak of COVID-19, all Nunavik airports will be restricted to passengers and authorized personnel only. All others will need to wait outside the terminal building. The new restrictions will apply until further notice.

Passengers will be allowed to circulate in the terminal building only during the period needed before the departure and or after the arrival of their flights. Passengers will be asked to limit their time in the terminal building for as short a period as possible.

While in the airport everyone must practice distancing, at least 2-meters apart. Masks must be worn at all times. Passengers and authorized personnel in the terminal are being urged to wash their hands frequently.

For the Northern Villages most seriously affected by the recent outbreak- Kangirsuk, Ivujivik and Inukjuak-certain airport restrictions may apply specifically to those communities. Kangirsuk is under lock-down and only essential flights are authorized. Regular flights have resumed in Ivujivik but only essential travels are allowed. The situation in Inukjuak remained stable and is being closely monitored.

All communities in Nunavik have been alerted to the potential dangers that may emerge due to the recent outbreak. Local emergency response teams that were set-up at the outset of the pandemic have been re-activated. The Kativik Regional Government is taking this situation very seriously and is making sure all communities are prepared to deal with any further spread of the COVID-19 virus.

In the meantime, the KRG strongly urges all residents over 12-years of age to get vaccinated. The vaccine is easily accessible and is available at your local health clinic. Vaccinations are by far the most effective way to reduce the spread of the virus. In order to protect elders, loved-ones, family and friends Nunavimmiut need to get vaccinated.

The KRG's Civil Security Department is closely monitoring the spread of the virus and will keep communities informed as the situation evolves.

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An Inuktitut version will follow

