



## **DIRECTIVE**

Date: June 1, 2020

Subject: Progressive reopening in Nunavik - North-North Travel

## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERNED

The 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, have put in place restrictions for air travel to reduce the risk of spreading of COVID-19 in Nunavik. Considering there are no active case in the region and given the fact that kinship and traditional activities are important to Inuit, fostering good mental health, the Director of Public Health from now on allows north-north travels under certain conditions.

All travel between a community and Donaldson airport, Raglan Mine or Nunavik Nickel Mine is forbidden, except for fuel transfer to Nunavimmiut during fishing trips at Deception Bay.

## Consequently:

- 1. Travels, regardless of the means of transportation, are allowed between Covid-free communities;
- 2. Air travelers shall answer a questionnaire before boarding and anyone with symptoms (shortness of breath, new cough, fever, loss of smell or taste) will be denied boarding;
- 3. No test or quarantine (isolation) is required before or after travel for people having no symptoms;
- 4. Only air travelers should be admitted in the airport terminal at time of flights and physical distancing of 2 meters between travelers should be respected. Travelers should also wear a mask at all time, as per an Order issued by Transport Canada.

## A Covid-free community is defined as:

- A community that has had no confirmed case of COVID-19;
  OR
- A community has had one or more confirmed cases and 28 days have passed after the recovery of the last case;

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OR

 A community declared COVID-free by the director of public health following the investigation of the case.

If a COVID-19 case is confirmed in a community:

- The community will be closed to incoming and outgoing travel for an undetermined period;
- Patients traveling for medical appointments, essential workers, people traveling back home and for humanitarian reasons will be allowed to travel according to public health directives;
- The Director of public health will evaluate the situation and give the instruction when the restrictions on travel could be lifted.

The restrictions for South-North traveling still apply. Only patients traveling for medical appointments, essential workers, people traveling back home and for humanitarian reasons are allowed to travel South-North.

Shall there be any change to the actual public health situation in Nunavik, the Director of Public Health and the Director of Public Security could issue more restrictive directives.

Best regards,

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