

ORDINANCE 2022-11

Date: March 12, 2022
Subject: Lifting of differentiated measures for Nunavik with the exception of measures related to travel

WHEREAS community transmission of COVID-19 has been documented in all Nunavik communities;

WHEREAS that there is a decrease in the number of cases in the region, the number of hospitalizations related to COVID-19 as well as medical transfers to hospitals in the south of the region;

WHEREAS the COVID-19 vaccine protects against serious infections and Nunavimmiut have been offered vaccination;

WHEREAS the consequences of COVID-19 in Nunavik are increasingly comparable to those elsewhere in Quebec;

WHEREAS as of March 12, 2022, Transport Canada's Interim Order Respecting Certain Requirements for Civil Aviation Due to COVID-19 is still in place and requires, among other things, a proof of vaccination against COVID-19 to be presented to the carrier (or in exceptional circumstances a COVID-19 test result);

The regional director of public health, acting in accordance with section 106 of the Public Health Act, suspends all differentiated public health measures related to COVID-19 in Nunavik, with the exception of those concerning travel.

PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES NOT RELATED TO INTERCOMMUNITY TRAVEL OR OUT OF REGION

The public health measures in force (in public places, workplaces, public transportation, etc.) are those enacted by the Government of Quebec.

TRAVEL WITHIN NUNAVIK OR TRAVEL FROM NUNAVIK TO A DESTINATION OUTSIDE THE REGION

The following conditions apply:

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

- All individuals aged 12 years and older, barring a medical exemption, must wear a good quality mask¹ at all times on board the aircraft.

TRAVEL FROM OUTSIDE THE REGION TO NUNAVIK

Effective march 12, 2022, the requirement of a vaccination passport is lifted as well as the requirement for testing after arrival in the territory.

To travel to Nunavik:

- A questionnaire to apply for a Nunavik Territory Authorization Access (NTAA) must be filled out at least 72 hours before departure;
- Before departure, all individuals, with the exception of children aged under one year, must present proof of a negative result for a COVID-19 test performed within a 72-hour period before travel²⁻³;
- Travelers do not present any symptoms consistent with COVID-19 (unusual cough, breathing difficulties, fever, loss of the sense of smell or taste) or are not identified as COVID-19 cases or as contacts of a case under isolation rule by the Department of Public Health;
- All individuals aged 12 years and older, barring a medical exemption, must wear a good quality mask⁴ at all times on board the aircraft.

This ordinance does not replace Transport Canada's Interim Order Respecting Certain Requirements for Civil Aviation Due to COVID-19.

TRAVEL BY CHARTERED FLIGHT

The same travel restrictions and conditions apply for travel by chartered flight.

This ordinance replaces ordinances 2022-9-1 (February 28, 2022) and 2022-10-3 (March 7, 2022).



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1. A good quality mask is a medical mask complying with ASTM F2100 or EN 14683 type IIR standards, a mask certified by the Bureau de normalization du Québec (BNQ) or a respirator N95.
 2. A PCR-lab test is required. Another molecular test may be accepted in special circumstances. Rapid antigenic tests are not accepted.
 3. A child for whom testing is too difficult will not be refused boarding, even without a test result.
 4. See note 1.