COVID-19 Mandatory Isolation for Nunavut Residents Returning from Outside of Nunavut

Dr. Michael Patterson, Nunavut’s Chief Public Health Officer (CPHO), has issued an order to prohibit most travel into Nunavut to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Starting Tuesday, March 24 at 11:59 p.m.: Only Nunavut residents and critical employees will be allowed into the territory. Residents will have to provide proof of residency to be allowed to fly into Nunavut. Prior to returning to Nunavut, residents will be required to undergo a mandatory 14-day isolation period at a designated isolation site. Isolation sites are listed below. At the end of the 14 days, residents with no symptoms will be cleared to return to their home community. This applies to all medical travel patients, students and all other residents wishing to return home.

Depending where they are travelling from, the Government of Nunavut will provide isolation at four different sites. All travellers will stay in a hotel and meals will be provided for travellers in one of the following locations:

- Ottawa;
- Winnipeg;
- Edmonton; or
- Yellowknife.

The Government of Nunavut is making the process as easy as possible for Nunavut residents and has personnel available to assist and answer questions.

Medically cleared medical travel patients and students will be contacted by Government of Nunavut staff so that transportation can be arranged to the closest designated isolation site.

All other travellers will be required to do the following in order to check into the designated isolation site at the hotel:

1. Contact CPHOTravelRequests@gov.nu.ca to receive the isolation intake form.
2. Purchase your air travel ticket(s). Ensure your return date to Nunavut will allow you to complete the 14 days of required isolation. You will be required to show proof of your return ticket purchase upon checking in to the hotel.
3. Complete the Isolation Request Form and submit it to CPHOTravelRequests@gov.nu.ca. A GN Travel Specialist will contact you directly with further questions and provide you information on your isolation location and check-in date.
Once at the designated isolation site, all travellers will be expected to:

1. Complete 14 days of mandatory isolation. The isolation will be supervised, and travellers must comply with all conditions in order to receive authorization to return to Nunavut.
2. At the end of 14 days, apply for and receive, clearance from the Chief Public Health Officer to travel back to Nunavut.
3. Practice social distancing in the airport prior to return. Travellers will be required to provide their clearance from the Chief Public Medical Officer and proof of Nunavut residency before being allowed to board the aircraft.

Transportation from the hotel to the airport will be provided on the day of return.

Further information can also be requested through CPHOTravelRequests@gov.nu.ca.