
Directive

DATE: 2020-03-26
TO: All airline companies travelling to Nunavik
SUBJECT: Additional restrictions to air travel in Nunavik

The Director of Public Health, as per section 106 of an Act respecting Public Health, and the Director of Public Security of Nunavik put in place additional restrictions for air travel to Nunavik as of March 24, 2020. These restrictions are imposed to limit the risks of importation of COVID-19 to Nunavik.

Consequently, we hereby order:

- A ban of all travels in the region (into Nunavik, from Nunavik to other regions and inbound Nunavik), except for these categories of passengers:

- Essential services workers, as per the list provided by the Nunavik Regional Organizations;
- Patients who will need essential medical appointments or treatments, as recommended by the health centers;
- Beneficiaries and non-beneficiaries going back to their home base;
- Beneficiaries and non-beneficiaries already in the region who want to go South; they won't be able to go back to Nunavik until the end of the ban;
- Any other passenger authorized by the Kativik Regional Government or the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services.

A questionnaire about travel outside of Canada or contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 in the last fourteen (14) days and about the presence of symptoms will have to be completed for all passengers before

boarding. Passengers who will answer yes to one of those questions will be denied boarding.

The additional restrictions are imposed until April 13, 2020.

Best regards,



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INSTRUCTIONS TO THE AIRLINES CONCERNING TRAVEL TO NUNAVIK AIRPORTS DURING COVID-19 March 25 until April 13 2020

1.1. Instructions

The purpose of this directive is to restrict all travel to North during the COVID-19 pandemic. This restriction on travels in Nunavik includes;

- ✓ Travel into Nunavik
- ✓ Travel out of Nunavik
- ✓ Travel within Nunavik

1.2. Scope

The Director of Public Health, as per section 106 of an Act respecting Public Health, and the Director of Public Security of Nunavik, put in place additional restrictions for air travel to Nunavik as of March 23, 2020 (re-issued March 26, 2020). These restrictions are imposed to limit the risks of COVID-19 spreading to Nunavik.

1.3. Duration

This travel restriction comes into force on March 23, 2020 until April 13th 2020.

1.4. Determination of allowed travels for the public

It has been determined that the following are the only circumstances for passenger travel;

- 1- Travelers to, from and within Nunavik are allowed to travel:
 - a. To return home to their primary place of residence;
 - b. For essential work approved by his or her regional organization;
 - c. For humanitarian reasons.
- 2- There is no change for patients who need essential medical appointments;
- 3- There is no change for emergency evacuation including patient and medical staff.

1.5 Essential services workers

- 1- All organizations have already provided a list of essential workers, with justification to the KRG.

- 2- The KRG has sent the list of authorized names of essential workers to the three different airlines serving Nunavik.
- 3- Any urgent travel requests of unforeseen essential workers must receive the approval of the KRG and if approved, airlines will be advised;
- 4- All organizations have been asked to reserve travel for their essential workers by TMS or calling the airlines call centre:
Air Inuit: 1-800-361-2965 Canadian North: 1-800-267-1247 Air Creebec: 1-800-567-6567
- 5- All charter requests of regional organizations must obtain the prior approval of the KRG.
- 6- It is understood that the screening process is still a prerequisite for essential workers to board on planes.

1.6 Airline Reservations

1. E-commerce (web booking and online check-in) and travel agency bookings are to be suspended except for the approved organizations.
2. No ticket purchases at counters should be allowed – all requests from the travelling and the regional organizations for ticket purchasing are to be sent to the airlines call center:

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3. Call center agents must ask passengers requesting to purchase a ticket:
 - a. If they are going back home – ticket may be purchased
 - b. If they are not going back home, the customer is redirected to their employer or ask the passenger to email travel@krg.ca for further instructions.
4. Bookings from KRG authorized entities (KRG, Health sector) are to be done via TMS and accepted.
5. All passengers are to go through the mandatory health screening:
 - a. Done in writing by the Health Board nurse in Montreal and Quebec
 - b. Done verbally by airlines counters agents in Nunavik, LaGrande, Schefferville and Sept-Iles.

1.7 Private Charters

The charter of detainees will continue to be the sole responsibility of the KRPF. The KRPF will advise the KRG by emailing travel@krg.ca.

Any organization or individual who wishes to use a private charter within Nunavik, no matter what the reason, must gain the prior approval of the KRG. These charters will only be allowed for what is considered essential services.

All charter companies will advise the KRG by emailing travel@krg.ca when they want to travel in Nunavik.

1.8 Determination of cargo and cargo flights

All regular cargo is still allowed to come in Nunavik.

Laboratory testing samples and equipment are considered as essential cargo that must be treated with "Must Ride" priority.

Internet equipment, municipal building and vehicle maintenance components that are considered critical parts are considered as essential cargo that must be treated with "Must Ride" priority.



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