



Public Health Order – NORMAN WELLS TEMPORARY COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS – EFFECTIVE AUGUST 25, 2021

WHEREAS the Minister, upon the recommendation of the Chief Public Health Officer, has declared a Public Health Emergency in the Northwest Territories effective March 18, 2020;

AND WHEREAS the Public Health Emergency has been subsequently renewed and remains in force;

AND WHEREAS the Chief Public Health Officer may take certain actions including issuing directions or orders for the purpose of protecting the public health under the authority of the *Public Health Act*, S.N.W.T. 2007, c.17 (hereinafter the “*Act*”);

AND WHEREAS cases of COVID-19 have been detected in the community of Norman Wells which increases the risk to the public health for persons in Norman Wells;

AND WHEREAS the Chief Public Health Officer has assessed the risk to the public health as a result of the increased risk of spread of COVID-19 in Norman Wells and now issues this public health order;

The Chief Public Health Officer, in accordance with sections 25 of the *Act* hereby orders as follows:

TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS RELATED TO NORMAN WELLS

1. Pursuant to section 25 of the *Act* and in order to decrease or eliminate the risk to the public health in relation to COVID-19, the following restrictions are in effect within the community boundaries of Norman Wells for a period of ten (10) days after the date of this Order (until 11:59pm on September 4, 2021):
 - a. Persons who test positive for COVID-19 and any person sharing accommodations with them must [self-isolate](#) themselves away from other persons until the end of the tenth day which begins either at the onset of symptoms of COVID-19 or after they receive a positive test result for COVID-19 if they have no symptoms, whichever is earlier. Persons may end their self-isolation earlier upon receipt of a negative



COVID-19 test result;

- b. Persons who are identified as a contact of a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 must [self-isolate](#) themselves away from other persons until the end of the tenth day which begins at the date of their most recent contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19. Persons identified as a contact may end their self-isolation earlier upon receipt of a negative COVID-19 test result;
- c. Persons must self-monitor, immediately [self-isolate](#) away from other persons and contact a health care provider if they exhibit any symptoms of COVID-19, including fever, new or worsening cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, generally feeling unwell, chills, muscle aches, fatigue or weakness, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, headache, diarrhoea, nausea or vomiting, abdominal pain, loss of appetite, loss of sense of taste, loss of sense of smell, skin changes or rashes;
- d. Persons are prohibited from gathering with persons who do not reside with them inside their dwelling place, with the exception of:
 - (i) caregivers providing care to an individual; and
 - (ii) regularly-scheduled childcare arrangements;
- e. Persons are prohibited from gathering outdoors with persons who do not reside with them;
- f. Essential businesses and facilities may remain open to the public with no more than ten (10) persons permitted in an indoor location at any one time. Physical distancing of at least 2 metres shall be maintained amongst persons from different households and any specific requirements of the Chief Public Health Officer communicated to the business or facility are to be followed. For the purposes of this Order, essential businesses and facilities are:
 - (i) grocery stores (curbside pick-up is encouraged);
 - (ii) gas stations and convenience stores;
 - (iii) facilities offering health services, social support services, and childcare services (including home-based childcare). Daycares may remain open for the children of essential workers only;
 - (iv) food banks;
 - (v) greenhouses;



- (vi) post offices;
 - (vii) pharmacies;
 - (viii) banks;
 - (ix) liquor stores;
 - (x) workplaces where persons are engaged in the provision of essential services including but not limited to, peace officers and others employed for the preservation and maintenance of the public peace, emergency responders, municipal enforcement officers, community government essential service workers, and territorial parks officers; and
 - (xi) workplaces where persons are engaged in the construction of public and Indigenous infrastructure projects and the mineral and petroleum resources industry.
- g. Non-essential businesses and facilities must close to the public, including but not limited to community and youth centres;
- h. Schools shall be closed to in-person learning;
- i. Offices may operate provided that they limit in-person staff to the minimum number of staff required to carry out operations, to a maximum of ten (10) persons per floor or office location, and provided physical distancing of at least 2 metres can be maintained; and
- j. All persons shall wear masks in any public indoor spaces, with the exception of the following persons:
- (i) a child under two years of age;
 - (ii) a child who is two years of age or older but less than ten years of age who is unable to tolerate wearing a face mask;
 - (iii) a person unable to put on or remove their face mask without assistance;
 - (iv) a person unable to wear a face mask due to a medical reason;
 - (v) a person providing or receiving care or assistance, where a face mask would interfere with that care or assistance;
 - (vi) a person who does not wear a face mask as a result of an emergency;
 - (vii) a person who removes their face mask temporarily for identification purposes; and
 - (viii) a person otherwise approved by the Chief Public Health Officer as not required to wear a mask.



EXEMPTIONS

2. Notwithstanding anything in this Order, the Chief Public Health Officer may exempt a person or class of persons from the application of this Order.

Any person who is subject to this Order may appeal the Order to the Supreme Court of the Northwest Territories pursuant to section 47 of the *Public Health Act* within 30 days after the day on which the Order is served on the person in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Health Act*.

It is an offence pursuant to section 49 of the *Public Health Act* for a person to fail to comply with the *Public Health Act*, its regulations or an order made under it.

Any person who has any questions or inquiries about this Order, or who wishes to apply for an approval or exemption related to this Order, can contact Protect NWT protectnwt@gov.nt.ca or 1-833-378-8297 and can obtain a copy of this Order from Protect NWT or from <https://www.gov.nt.ca/covid-19>.

This Order is issued with effect from August 25, 2021 at 8:00am and remains in effect until the end of the day on September 4th, unless otherwise rescinded.

Dr. Kami Kandola
Chief Public Health Officer