



Public Health Order – NORMAN WELLS TEMPORARY COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS
–EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 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 issued “Public Health Order – NORMAN WELLS TEMPORARY COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS –EFFECTIVE AUGUST 25, 2021” (the “August 25, 2021 order”) to address the outbreak of COVID-19 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 to amend the August 25, 2021 order to extend the duration of the order and to require persons who test positive for COVID-19 or exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 to isolate;

The Chief Public Health Officer, in accordance with sections 25 and 42(e) of the *Act* hereby amends the August 25, 2021 order 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 until 11:59pm on September 14, 2021
 - a. Persons who test positive for COVID-19 must “isolate” in accordance with the isolation requirements set out at Appendix “A” of this Order until the later of:
 - (i) 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; and



- (ii) the day COVID-19 infection is resolved, as deemed by a healthcare provider;
- b. Persons who exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 must contact a health care provider to be reviewed for a COVID-19 test and “isolate” in accordance with the isolation requirements set out at Appendix “A” of this Order until they receive a negative test result or are cleared by a health care provider. Symptoms of COVID-19 include 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;
- c. Non-fully vaccinated persons who are identified as a contact of a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 and non-fully vaccinated persons who share accommodations with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 must “self-isolate” in accordance with the self-isolation requirements set out at Appendix “B” of this Order until the end of the tenth day which begins at the date of their last contact with the person who has tested positive for COVID-19. For non-fully vaccinated persons who continue to share accommodations with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19, this means that ten-day period commences on the day the person who tested positive is no longer required to isolate;
- d. Fully vaccinated persons identified as a contact of a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 and fully vaccinated persons who share accommodations with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 must self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 and follow direction provided by a healthcare provider;
- e. A person is “fully vaccinated” for the purposes of this Order when at least two weeks have passed from the date that they have received their full vaccine dosage against COVID-19;
- f. 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;
- g. Persons are prohibited from gathering outdoors with persons who do not reside with them;



- h. 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) post offices;
 - (vi) pharmacies;
 - (vii) banks;
 - (viii) liquor stores;
 - (ix) 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
 - (x) workplaces where persons are engaged in the construction of public and Indigenous infrastructure projects and the mineral and petroleum resources industry.
- i. Non-essential businesses and facilities must close to the public, including but not limited to community and youth centres;
- j. Schools shall be closed to in-person learning;
- k. 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
- l. 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 September 1, 2021 at 6:00pm and remains in effect until 11:59pm on September 14, 2021 unless otherwise rescinded.

Dr. Kami Kandola
Chief Public Health Officer



Appendix A: Isolation Requirements

Requirements for persons subject to isolation:

- Stay in the indoor portion of your isolation location for 10 days unless you are advised otherwise by a Public Health Official or your healthcare provider.
- Do not leave the indoor portion of your isolation location unless you need to seek medical attention. If you need medical attention, contact your health care provider and follow their instructions.
- Do not have any visitors at your isolation location.
- If you are at risk of more severe diseases or outcomes, monitor yourself for worsening or severe symptoms
- Call 9-1-1 if you develop severe symptoms and let them know if you have tested positive for COVID-19 or that you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19.

Additional guidance on how to safely isolate can be found here:

<https://www.gov.nt.ca/covid-19/en/services/vaccination-testing/types-isolation>



Appendix B: Self-Isolation Requirements

Requirements for persons subject to self-isolation:

- Stay at your self-isolation location for 10 days unless you are advised otherwise by a Public Health Official.
- You can go outdoors for fresh air. Do not go to outdoor spaces where persons congregate. Keep a 2 metre distance from other persons and wear a face mask while outside of your self-isolation location. You do not need to wear a mask if there are no other persons present.
- Do not use public transportation or share a car, taxi or other motor vehicle with any other persons.
- Do not have any visitors at your self-isolation location.
- You are permitted to pass through common areas of a self-isolation location, such as a shared corridor or lobby, to access the outdoors, but only if a face mask is worn.
- Do not go to work, school, or enter any other indoor spaces for 10 days or while you are required to self-isolate.
- If you have a medical appointment or need medical care, contact your health care provider and follow their instructions.

Additional guidance on how to safely self-isolate can be found here:

<https://www.gov.nt.ca/covid-19/en/services/vaccination-testing/types-isolation>