

# Chief Public Health Officer Orders Travel Restrictions and Self-Isolation for those entering NWT

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Effective immediately, NWT Chief Public Health Officer Dr. Kami Kandola has ordered all travel into the Northwest Territories prohibited with limited exceptions to combat COVID-19 in the territory.

This order is made under the NWT's [Public Health Act](#), using the additional powers granted to the Chief Public Health Officer during a Public Health Emergency.

Travel through all points of entry into the Northwest Territories — both air and road — will be prohibited to all travelers **with the exception of** – see weblink above for full description:

- Northwest Territories residents;
- Persons providing services in the course of importation/exportation of goods and other supply chain transportation workers, including movers and carriers, and those persons who are necessary to maintain supply chain transportation services;
- Flight crews;
- Persons engaged in providing essential services, including but not limited to, health and social service providers, postal service workers, peace officers and others employed for the preservation and maintenance of the public peace, emergency responders, employees of and persons engaged by the Department of National Defence, municipal enforcement officers, community government essential service workers and, federal and territorial parks officers;
- Persons engaged in providing support services to essential services workers;
- Persons travelling from Nunavut for medical travel;
- Persons participating in traditional harvesting and on the land activities that cross the NWT border but do not enter any communities as part of this;
- Transient workers in the mineral and petroleum resources industry;
- Persons involved in working on the construction of GNWT capital infrastructure projects;
- Corrections Officers and inmates in transit;
- Persons otherwise exempted under exceptional circumstances by the Chief Public Health Officer.

**Effective Date and Time: These measures are in effect March 21, 2020 at 12pm until further notice.**

## **Information on Enforcement**

Under the Public Health Act, Public Health Officials may enforce orders as peace officers and may seek the assistance of any other Peace Officer to actively enforce orders. Disobeying this order is punishable by law and may include a fine upon summary conviction of up to \$10,000 and six months imprisonment.

## **Reporting Order Contraventions**

If you have a credible and specific complaint that any individual is disobeying this order, you are asked to email [protectnwt@gov.nt.ca](mailto:protectnwt@gov.nt.ca) or call 1-833-378-8297 between 8am and 8pm 7 days a week.

Your complaint will be investigated by the Office of the Chief Public Health Officer or any other person ordered to investigate the complaint.