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Addendum

MUNICIPAL RELATIONS

**Important Notice to
Elected Officials and Chief Administrative Officers in
Northern Manitoba**

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COVID-19 – Municipal Governance – FAQs – Update

Northern Travel Restrictions under the Pandemic Response System

On September 4, 2020, Manitoba's public health officials implemented travel restrictions to northern Manitoba and remote communities.

The public health order prohibiting travel to northern Manitoba and remote communities can be viewed at the following link:

https://manitoba.ca/asset_library/en/proactive/2020_2021/orders_soe_northern_09092020.pdf.

Travel Restrictions

Travel is prohibited to areas north of the 53rd parallel and to remote communities that are not connected to the provincial highway system by a year-round all-weather road.

Travel restrictions do not apply to travellers who are not displaying any symptoms of COVID-19 and meet one or more of the following criteria:

- People who live in or a person permanently moving to northern Manitoba or a remote community
- People who work for the federal or provincial governments, a Crown corporation, other government agencies or a child and family services agency
- Health providers travelling to provide health care services or people travelling for emergency medical purposes
- Educational professionals, including teachers or professors, and students travelling to work at/attend schools or post-secondary institutions
- People who own, operate or work for a business and are travelling to deliver goods, provide services or operate the business
- People who travel for trials/judicial proceedings
- People who travel for parenting arrangements

In addition, people can travel to and from a cottage, cabin, provincial park, campground or hunting/fishing lodge in northern Manitoba if they have no symptoms of COVID-19. They must limit the use of local services while travelling to and staying at their final destination. They must travel there as directly as possible.

People can also travel to Churchill and the surrounding area if they have no symptoms of COVID-19 and limit the use of local services while they are travelling there. They must travel there as directly as possible. This means they may fly directly to Churchill, or drive or fly to another northern city and then be transported to Churchill by train.

Visitors to Manitoba who must self-isolate for 14 days must not travel to northern Manitoba or a remote community until they are done self-isolating.

People travelling to northern Manitoba on a public vehicle (such as a bus, train or plane) must wear a mask that covers their mouth, nose and chin.

In addition to the orders, all travellers are asked to respect any restrictions that First Nation communities have in place, as these communities are working with the advice of public health officials to ensure the health and safety of their residents.