

## **News Release**

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## Health PVC replaces CPHO vaccination letter for travel into Nunavut

**Iqaluit, Nunavut (December 1, 2021)** – Nunavut's Chief Public Health Officer today announced that as of today, vaccinated travellers returning to Nunavut will no longer need a vaccinated travellers exemption letter from Nunavut's Chief Public Health Officer (CPHO). To enter Nunavut, vaccinated travelers will only be required to show the Nunavut proof of vaccination certificate (PVC) issued to those who have been vaccinated in Nunavut.

"In an effort to reduce the burden on travellers, the Government of Nunavut is aligning its travel orders with those of Transport Canada to reduce the number of documents required from vaccinated travellers to enter the territory," said Dr. Patterson.

The PVC is a secure form bearing a QR code that verifies vaccination status and replaces the wallet cards.

Proof of vaccination credentials in Nunavut are provided to patients after the vaccine is given, in person at their local health centre and Iqaluit Public Health. The PVC can also be obtained by emailing vaccineexemptions@gov.nu.ca.

Anyone who was vaccinated in Nunavut and no longer resides in the territory can also use that email to obtain a PVC. Currently, due to national certification guidelines, the PVC is only available in French and English, but Inuktut options are being investigated.

The PVC can be printed out, saved to a smart phone, or uploaded to an app such as Apple Health, Common Pass or ArriveCan.

Unvaccinated dependents under the age of 12 travelling with vaccinated guardians will no longer require CPHO travel authorization if their guardians have a PVC. Unvaccinated dependents will still be required to isolate for 14 days upon returning to Nunavut along with any unvaccinated members of their household.

COVID-19 vaccines for all Nunavummiut aged five and older continue to be available, including first and second doses as well as booster shots. Contact your health centre or Iqaluit Public Health to make an appointment.

For all the latest information on COVID-19 in Nunavut, please visit: <a href="https://www.gov.nu.ca/">https://www.gov.nu.ca/</a>

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