

# News Release

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## Unvaccinated dependents able to isolate in Nunavut

**Nunavut (July 30, 2021)** –Nunavut’s Chief Public Health Officer, Dr. Michael Patterson, announced today that as of August 2, unvaccinated dependents who travelled outside of Nunavut with their vaccinated parents or guardians will be able to complete their 14-day isolation period in the territory.

“With no current outbreaks in Nunavut and vaccination rates increasing, it’s time to further adjust isolation restrictions,” said Dr. Patterson. “As a next step, unvaccinated dependents who travel with their vaccinated parents or guardians may travel to Nunavut without isolating in southern Canada first.”

Once in-territory, vaccinated guardians will not be required to isolate. Guardians will be responsible for their dependents' isolation and will have to ensure that all other unvaccinated members in the household must isolate for 14 days as well. Households in isolation are not to have visitors, and those isolating cannot go visiting unless it is an emergency. The isolation period starts on arrival in the territory. No public health clearance is required at the end of isolation. Individuals who breach isolation can be fined \$575.

Vaccinated parents or guardians must complete the *Vaccinated Travelers Declaration* form at <https://gov.nu.ca/health/information/travel-and-isolation>. All dependents travelling with the guardian at any given time must be listed and the completed form submitted to [vaccineexemptions@gov.nu.ca](mailto:vaccineexemptions@gov.nu.ca). Once approved, a travel letter that includes the dependents will be issued to the parent or guardian. The letter will be valid for one year. This letter needs to be presented at the check-in counter prior to the return to Nunavut.

For more information, including the isolation rules go to:  
<https://gov.nu.ca/health/information/travel-and-isolation>.

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