

NATIONAL VACCINE MANDATE

Effective October 30, all air passengers **over the age of 12 years and 4 months** departing from Canadian airports, will **need to provide proof of vaccination** prior to boarding.

There will be a short transition period from October 30 to November 29, where travelers will be able to travel if they provide a **valid negative COVID molecular test**, taken within 72 hours of travel.

EXEMPTIONS Limited exemptions will apply for medical or religious reasons, as well as **interim accommodations for those living in remote communities** (see *Appendix A for Remote Communities Commonly Serviced by North Star Air*).

TRAVEL FROM REMOTE COMMUNITIES TO “GATEWAY” AIRPORTS

For those traveling from remote communities, carrying proof of vaccination is the best option when traveling. However, in recognition of the unique needs of travelers from remote communities, the Government of Canada has worked with Provinces and National Indigenous Organizations to develop the following interim accommodations for **unvaccinated travelers** flying to and from remote communities.

1. Travelers flying **southbound out of remote communities will be exempt from the mandatory testing** requirement before they depart
2. **Molecular COVID-19 testing will be available at “gateway” airports for northbound travelers.** (see Appendix B for designated Gateway Airports, which includes Thunder Bay)

These accommodations do not apply to specified airports (See Appendix C for Specified Airports Commonly Serviced by North Star Air).

If you are a non-vaccinated passenger, we recommend you receive your molecular test prior to arriving at the Thunder Bay airport. Test must be taken within 72 hours of your departure time. If you are unable to have a test administered on your own, you must arrive at the airport minimum 90 minutes prior to your departure time to allow for available molecular testing. Test results will take 30 minutes or more. Late testing could result in denied boarding.

The National Vaccine Mandate applies to all North Star Air scheduled and charter flights.

As a precautionary measure, North Star Air will continue with antigen (rapid) testing at the Thunder Bay and Sioux Lookout airports on a temporary basis. Watch for updates.

As of November 30, 2021 all air travelers will be required to be fully vaccinated, with limited exemptions. Passengers will be required to show valid proof of exemption in order to travel by air.

Please direct any questions you may have to admin@northstarair.ca

Appendix A - Remote Communities Commonly Serviced by NSA

1. Attawapiskat First Nation
2. Bearskin Lake First Nation
3. Cat Lake First Nation
4. Deer Lake First Nation
5. Eabametoong First Nation (Fort Hope)
6. Fort Albany First Nation
7. Kasabonika Lake First Nation
8. Kashechewan First Nation
9. Keewaywin First Nation
10. Kingfisher First Nation
11. Marten Falls First Nation
12. Muskrat Dam Lake First Nation
13. Neskantaga First Nation (Lansdowne House)
14. Nibinamik First Nation (Summer Beaver Band)
15. North Caribou Lake First Nation (Round Lake First Nation)
16. North Spirit Lake First Nation
17. Peawanuck
18. Pikangikum First Nation
19. Poplar Hill First Nation
20. Sachigo Lake First Nation
21. Sandy Lake First Nation
22. Slate Falls First Nation
23. Wapekeka First Nation (Angling Lake)
24. Webequie First Nation
25. Wunnumin Lake First Nation



Appendix B - Gateway Airports

Hamilton	Kingston	London
North Bay	Ottawa	Sault Ste Marie
Sudbury	Thunder Bay	Timmins
Toronto (Pearson)		

Appendix C - Specified Airports Commonly Serviced by North Star Air

1. Hamilton Int'l Airport (YHM)
2. Kingston Airport (YGK)
3. London Airport (YXU)
4. North Bay Airport (YYB)
5. Ottawa Int'l Airport (YOW)
6. Sarnia Airport (YZR)
7. Sault Ste. Marie (YAM)
8. Sudbury Airport (YSB)
9. Thunder Bay Int'l Airport (YQT)
10. Timmins Airport (YTS)
11. Toronto Buttonville (YKZ)
12. Toronto City Centre (YTZ)
13. Toronto Pearson (YYZ)
14. Windsor Airport (YQG)
15. Winnipeg Int'l (YWG) (MB)