

IN THE MATTER OF the *Public Health Act*, RSPEI 1988, c P-30.1 (the "Act")

SELF-ISOLATION EXEMPTION ORDER

TO: All persons residing in or present in Prince Edward Island

WHEREAS a state of public health emergency was declared in Prince Edward Island as a result of the global COVID-19 pandemic on March 16, 2020 pursuant to Order in Council EC2020-174, and continued on April 15, 2020 by Order in Council EC2020-254, on May 15, 2020 by Order in Council EC2020-305, on June 15, 2020 by Order in Council EC2020-350, on July 14, 2020 by Order in Council EC2020-435, on August 14, 2020 by Order in Council EC2020-488 on September 13, 2020 by Order in Council EC2020-542, on October 13, 2020 by Order in Council EC2020-603, on November 12, 2020 by Order in Council EC2020-649, on December 12, 2020 by Order in Council EC2020-724, on January 11, 2021 by Order in Council EC2021-1 and on February 10, 2021 by EC2021-71;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the Act, I, as the Chief Public Health Officer issued an order effective March 22, 2020, which was later amended to be effective on March 31, April 17, May 1, May 8, May 15, May 22, June 1, June 12, June 26, August 19, October 2, November 20, December 4, December 7, December 8, December 18, 2020, January 6, 2021, January 23, 2021 and February 16, 2021 ("COVID-19 Prevention and Self-Isolation Order") with respect to self-isolation requirements;

AND WHEREAS the COVID-19 Prevention and Self-Isolation Order provides that I may exempt a person or classes of persons from the application of any section of the COVID-19 Prevention and Self-Isolation Order;

AND WHEREAS work is known to be a social determinant of health in Prince Edward Island and considering the mental health of certain workers, I have determined there are certain asymptomatic individuals who must work and who may be exempted from the requirement to self-isolate for 14 days when arriving in the Province during the public health emergency while still maintaining measures to protect the health of the population;

AND WHEREAS testing and isolating individuals who test positive for COVID-19, and any variants of concern, will prevent transmission of the virus and the associated illness and death and protect Prince Edward Island's health care system;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to my authority under subsections 39(1), 49(2), 49(3) and 56(1) of the Act, I hereby make the following Order and exemptions from the requirements in the COVID-19 Prevention and Self-Isolation Order to self-isolate:

Definitions

1. In this Order, the definitions in the COVID-19 Prevention and Self-Isolation Order, as may be amended from time to time, apply and have the same meaning in this Order except as otherwise defined in this Order, and:
 - (a) "Atlantic Canada" means the provinces of New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

- (b) "dependent" means, in relation to an individual, a person claimed or to be claimed as a dependent of the individual for income tax purposes for the applicable taxation year.
- (c) "domestic travel" means travel within Canada.
- (d) "end of life situation" means a situation in which an individual is being actively treated for a life threatening illness which may end their life, which treatment can include palliative care.
- (e) "extended family" means, in relation an individual, a foster parent, or any other person standing in loco parentis, a child or stepchild that is not a dependent, a grandchild or ward of the individual, a brother, sister, grandparent, great grandparent, mother-in-law, father-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, sister-in-law or brother-in-law.
- (f) "health care facility" includes a long-term care facility, nursing home or community care facility.
- (g) "high risk facility" means a health care facility, meat packing plant, correctional facility, school or day care centre.
- (h) "household" means, for the purposes of this Order, the persons who normally reside with an individual.
- (i) "international travel" means travel outside of Canada.
- (j) "letter of approval issued by a public health official" means
 - (i) a letter of approval issued to a person pursuant to the Chief Public Health Officer's Travel Restrictions Order effective October 24, 2020, as may be amended or replaced from time to time;
 - (ii) a letter of approval issued to a person by a public health official in response to a PEI Worker Travel Form; or
 - (iii) for the purposes of section 15, includes an Authorized Designated Visitor form completed and approved by a long term care facility administrator or attending physician.
- (k) "PEI Worker Travel Form" means an application form relating to this Order including information as may be required under the COVID-19 Prevention and Self-Isolation Order and such additional requirements as indicated by the Chief Public Health Officer, including:
 - (i) frequency of work travel;
 - (ii) a person's need to leave the person's residence to perform work duties in the Province; and

- (iii) employer knowledge of a person's return to work after travelling outside of the Province.
- (l) "rotational worker" means persons who are residents of the Province, such as truck drivers or transportation crews on planes, helicopters, buses or marine vessels, who
 - (i) travel routinely and frequently for work outside of the Province on a set schedule;
 - (ii) spend 50% or more of their time outside the Province for work; and
 - (iii) are persons who
 - (A) spend 21 days or less in the Province at one time before leaving the Province again for work, or
 - (B) work as a member of the Canadian Armed Forces, or as a member of the transportation crew on planes, helicopters, buses or marine vessels, including members of the Canadian Coast Guard.
- (m) "self-isolate except when at work" means compliance with the following measures:
 - (i) A person must self-isolate for 14 days or for the duration of their stay in the Province (if 14 days or less) except when travelling from home to work, when performing work or when travelling home from work;
 - (ii) A person must wear a non-medical mask when performing work, if the person's work involves interaction with any other persons, including with the public;
 - (iii) A person must practice hand hygiene and follow all public health measures; and
 - (iv) A person must follow all mandatory direction at <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/health-and-wellness/work-isolation> .
- (n) "truck driver" means a person who drives a commercial truck (vehicle with a gross weight of over 4,500 kilograms).
- (o) "work" means, for the purposes of this Order, the paid employment performed by a person at the work location provided to a public health official.

General Application

- 2. For greater certainty,
 - (a) The exemptions in this Order are in relation to the COVID-19 Prevention and Self-Isolation Order and do not affect the operation of a federal, provincial or

local public health order requiring individuals to remain in isolation except to the extent indicated in those orders.

- (b) Where there is no exemption listed in this Order for a person, the COVID-19 Prevention and Self-Isolation Order applies to the person. For example, this Order does not apply to temporary foreign workers.
3. All persons subject to this Order shall monitor for symptoms of COVID-19, and if experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, shall immediately self-isolate until cleared by a public health official.
 4. For greater certainty, nothing in this Order limits the operation of the Act or its regulations or restricts the ability of the Chief Public Health Officer to issue public health orders or other orders or directives, as necessary.

Rotational Workers

5. Except for persons who work in high risk facilities returning from international travel and except for the specialized categories of workers returning from international travel as outlined in sections 6 and 7, asymptomatic persons who are rotational workers who reside in the Province are exempt from the requirement to self-isolate after international or domestic travel, provided they comply with the following conditions:
 - (a) on or before travelling into the Province, receive a letter of approval issued by a public health official;
 - (b) follow any direction provided to them by a public health official;
 - (c) undergo testing for COVID-19 at a location designated by the Chief Public Health Officer within 24 hours after travelling into the Province and undergo follow-up testing between 4-6 days and between 9-11 days after travelling into the Province and, as directed by a public health official, at the designated testing location; and
 - (d) meet the requirements and follow all mandatory direction applicable to them provided at <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/health-and-wellness/rotational-workers> .

If a person under this section receives a positive test result for COVID-19, or fails to submit to the required tests, they must self-isolate for 14 days, or as directed by a public health official.

6. Asymptomatic truck drivers who are rotational workers who reside in the Province are exempt from the requirement to self-isolate after international or domestic travel, provided they comply with the following conditions:
 - (a) on or before travelling into the Province, receive a letter of approval issued by a public health official;
 - (b) follow any direction provided to them by a public health official;

- (c) undergo testing for COVID-19 at a location designated by the Chief Public Health Officer within 24 hours after travelling into the Province and undergo follow-up testing between 4-6 days and between 9-11 days after travelling into the Province and, as directed by a public health official, at the designated testing location; and
- (d) meet the requirements and follow all mandatory direction applicable to them provided at: <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/health-and-wellness/covid-19-information-truck-drivers> .

If a person under this section receives a positive test result for COVID-19, or fails to submit to the required tests, they must self-isolate for 14 days, or as directed by a public health official.

7. Asymptomatic members of the Canadian Armed Forces and asymptomatic transportation crews on planes, helicopters, buses or marine vessels, including members of the Canadian Coast Guard, who are rotational workers who reside in the Province are exempt from the requirement to self-isolate after international or domestic travel, provided they comply with the following conditions:
- (a) on or before travelling into the Province, receive a letter of approval issued by a public health official;
 - (b) follow any direction provided to them by a public health official;
 - (c) undergo testing for COVID-19 at a location designated by the Chief Public Health Officer within 24 hours after travelling into the Province and undergo follow-up testing between 4-6 days and between 9-11 days after travelling into the Province and, as directed by a public health official, at the designated testing location; and
 - (d) meet the requirements and follow all mandatory direction applicable to them provided at: <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/health-and-wellness/covid-19-information-transportation-crews-military-and-coast-guard>.

If a person under this section receives a positive test result for COVID-19, or fails to submit to the required tests, they must self-isolate for 14 days, or as directed by a public health official.

Government of Canada Exceptions - Work in High Risk Facilities

8. Asymptomatic persons who are not required to self-isolate after entering Canada pursuant to any Order of the Government of Canada under section 58 of the Quarantine Act (Canada) and who work in a high risk facility in the Province must comply with the following:
- (a) on or before travelling into the Province, receive a letter of approval issued by a public health official;
 - (b) follow any direction provided to them by a public health official;

- (c) after travelling into the Province, self-isolate for 14 days or for the duration of their stay in the Province (if 14 days or less);
- (d) undergo testing for COVID-19 at a location designated by the Chief Public Health Officer within 24 hours after travelling into the Province; and
- (e) undergo follow-up testing between 9-11 days after travelling into the Province at the designated testing location.

If a person under this section receives a positive test result for COVID-19, or fails to submit to the required tests, they must self-isolate for 14 days, or as directed by a public health official.

Government of Canada Exceptions – Other Workers

9. Asymptomatic persons who are not required to self-isolate after entering Canada pursuant to any Order of the Government of Canada under section 58 of the Quarantine Act (Canada), and who are not rotational workers or persons who work in a high risk facility, must comply with the following conditions:
- (a) on or before travelling into the Province, receive a letter of approval issued by a public health official;
 - (b) follow any direction provided to them by a public health official;
 - (c) undergo testing for COVID-19 at a location designated by the Chief Public Health Officer within 24 hours after travelling into the Province;
 - (d) self-isolate until they receive an initial negative test result for COVID-19;
 - (e) if the person chooses not to self-isolate except when at work:
 - (i) self-isolate for 14 days or for the duration of their stay in the Province (if 14 days or less); and
 - (ii) undergo follow up testing between 9-11 days after travelling into the Province at the designated testing location;
 - (f) if the person chooses to self-isolate except when at work:
 - (i) after receiving a negative test, self-isolate except when at work for 14 days or for the duration of their stay in the Province (if 14 days or less); and
 - (ii) undergo follow-up testing between 4-6 days and between 9-11 days after travelling into the Province at the designated testing location.

If a person under this section receives a positive test result for COVID-19, or fails to submit to the required tests, they must self-isolate for 14 days, or as directed by a public health official.

Domestic Travel Outside of the Province

10. (1) Asymptomatic persons, except those persons employed in long term care facilities and community care facilities and persons described in sections 11 and 12, are exempt from the requirement to self-isolate after domestic travel outside of the Province when they are at work, provided they comply with the following conditions:
- (i) on or before travelling into the Province, receive a letter of approval issued by a public health official;
 - (ii) follow any direction provided to them by a public Health Official;
 - (iii) undergo testing for COVID-19 at a location designated by the Chief Public Health Officer within 24 hours after travelling into the Province and undergo follow-up testing between 4-6 days and between 9-11 days after travelling into the Province and, as directed by a public health official, at the designated testing location; and
 - (iv) meet the requirements and follow all mandatory direction applicable to them provided at: <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/health-and-wellness/work-isolation>
- (2) Subsection (1) may apply to an asymptomatic person employed in a long-term care facility or a community care facility only on the prior written approval of the Chief Public Health Officer.
11. Asymptomatic truck drivers who do not reside in the province are exempt from the requirement to self-isolate after international or domestic travel provided they follow any direction provided to them by a public health official and meet the requirements and follow all mandatory direction applicable to them provided at: <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/health-and-wellness/covid-19-information-truck-drivers>.
12. Asymptomatic persons who do not reside in the Province and are travelling into the Province for work and exiting the Province the same day are exempt from the requirement to self-isolate after domestic travel provided they comply with the following conditions:
- (i) on or before travelling into the Province, receive a letter of approval issued by a public health official;
 - (ii) follow any direction provided to them by a public health official; and
 - (iii) meet the requirements and follow all mandatory direction applicable to them provided at: <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/health-and-wellness/work-isolation>.

Attendance at Court

13. Asymptomatic persons travelling into the Province after international travel or domestic travel from outside of the Province for the purpose of participating in an in-person court

proceeding in the Province, whether the accused, victim, witness or party in such proceeding, are exempt from the requirement to self-isolate after such international travel or domestic travel, provided they comply with the following conditions:

- (a) on or before travelling into the Province, receive a letter of approval issued by a public health official;
- (b) follow any direction provided to them by a public health official;
- (c) after travelling into the Province, self-isolate for 14 days or for the duration of their stay in the Province (if 14 days or less) other than when they are in court;
- (d) wear a non-medical mask when interacting with other persons; and
- (e) practise hand hygiene and follow all public health measures.

Attendance at Birth of a Child

14. Asymptomatic persons travelling into the Province after international travel or domestic travel from outside of the Province, for the purpose of compassionate visitation at the Prince County Hospital or the Queen Elizabeth Hospital for the birth of a child, are exempt from the requirement to self-isolate after international travel or domestic travel provided they comply with the following conditions:

- (a) on or before travelling into the Province, receive a letter of approval issued by a public health official;
- (b) follow any direction provided to them by a public health official;
- (c) undergo testing for COVID-19 at a location designated by the Chief Public Health Officer within 24 hours after travelling into the Province;
- (d) self-isolate until they receive an initial negative test result for COVID-19;
- (e) after receiving a negative test, self-isolate except when they are attending at the Prince County Hospital or the Queen Elizabeth Hospital for compassionate visits for the birth of the child, for 14 days or for the duration of their stay in the Province (if 14 days or less);
- (f) undergo follow-up testing between 4-6 days and between 9-11 days after travelling into the Province at the designated testing location;
- (g) wear a non-medical mask when interacting with other persons; and
- (h) practise hand hygiene and follow all public health measures, including wearing personal protective equipment (PPE), during the compassionate visitation.

If a person under this section receives a positive test result for COVID-19, or fails to submit to the required tests, they must self-isolate for 14 days, or as directed by a public health official.

Visiting an Individual During End of Life Situation

15. Asymptomatic persons travelling into the Province after international travel or domestic travel from outside of the Province for the purpose of visiting an individual in an end of life situation are exempt from the requirement to self-isolate after international travel or domestic travel provided they comply with the following conditions:
- (a) on or before travelling into the Province, receive a letter of approval issued by a public health official;
 - (b) follow any direction provided to them by a public health official;
 - (c) undergo testing for COVID-19 at a location designated by the Chief Public Health Officer within 24 hours after travelling into the Province, unless otherwise advised in writing by a public health official that a test for COVID-19 is not required due to sufficient testing of members of the person's household;
 - (d) self-isolate until they receive an initial negative test result for COVID-19 required under clause (c);
 - (e) after receiving a negative test or written confirmation from a public health official that a test for COVID-19 is not required due to sufficient testing of members of the person's household, self-isolate except when they are visiting the individual in an end of life situation, for 14 days or for the duration of their stay in the Province (if 14 days or less);
 - (f) undergo follow-up testing between 4-6 days and between 9-11 days after travelling into the Province at the designated testing location unless otherwise advised in writing by a public health official that a test for COVID-19 is not required due to sufficient testing of members of the person's household;
 - (g) wear a non-medical mask when interacting with other persons; and
 - (h) practise hand hygiene and follow all public health measures and restrictions imposed by the facility housing the individual in the end of life situation, including wearing personal protective equipment (PPE), during the visitation with the individual in the end of life situation.

If a person under this section receives a positive test result for COVID-19, or fails to submit to the required tests, they must self-isolate for 14 days, or as directed by a public health official.

Attending a Wake, Funeral or Burial

16. Asymptomatic persons travelling into the Province after domestic travel from outside of the Province for the purpose of attending a wake, funeral or burial of an extended family member are exempt from the requirement to self-isolate after domestic travel provided they comply with the following conditions:
- (a) on or before travelling into the Province, receive a letter of approval issued by a public health official;

- (b) follow any direction provided to them by a public health official;
- (c) undergo testing for COVID-19 at a location designated by the Chief Public Health Officer within 24 hours after travelling into the Province;
- (d) self-isolate until they receive an initial negative test result for COVID-19;
- (e) after receiving a negative test, self-isolate, except when they are attending the wake, funeral or burial, for 14 days or for the duration of their stay in the Province (if 14 days or less);
- (f) undergo follow-up testing between 4-6 days and between 9-11 days after travelling into the Province at the designated testing location;
- (g) wear a non-medical mask when interacting with other persons; and
- (h) practise hand hygiene and follow all public health measures.

If a person under this section receives a positive test result for COVID-19, or fails to submit to the required tests, they must self-isolate for 14 days, or as directed by a public health official.

Child Custody and Access

17. Asymptomatic persons travelling into the Province after domestic travel from outside of the Province for the purpose of facilitating custody or access with children are exempt from the requirement to self-isolate after domestic travel provided they comply with the following conditions:
- (a) on or before travelling into the Province, receive a letter of approval issued by a public health official;
 - (b) follow any direction provided to them by a public health official;
 - (c) after entering the Province, self-isolate for the duration of their stay in the Province other than when they are facilitating the custody or access exchange with the child or children;
 - (d) wear a non-medical mask when interacting with other persons;
 - (e) practise hand hygiene and follow all public health measures;
 - (f) facilitate the custody or access exchange of the child or children within 24 hours after entering the Province;
 - (g) while in the Province, only attend at the designated location where the custody or access exchange of the child or children will occur;
 - (h) other than the designated location prescribed in clause (g), avoid all public places; and
 - (i) leave the Province immediately upon completing the custody or access exchange.

18. Asymptomatic persons who are residents of the Province and are travelling into the Province after domestic travel for the purposes of facilitating custody or access for children outside the Province are exempt from the requirement to self-isolate provided they comply with the following conditions:
- (a) while outside the Province, stopped only for essential purposes (for example: fuel, take away food, washroom) and only attended at the designated location where the custody or access exchange of the child or children occurred; and
 - (b) practised hand hygiene and followed all public health measures during travel outside the Province.
19. Asymptomatic children under the age of 18 years travelling into the Province after domestic travel from outside of the Province for the purpose of exercising or facilitating custody or access with their parent or legal guardian are exempt from the requirement to self-isolate after domestic travel provided that, for the period of 14 days after travelling into the Province, they comply with the following conditions:
- (a) undergo testing for COVID-19 at a location designated by the Chief Public Health Officer within 24 hours after travelling into the Province;
 - (b) self-isolate until they receive an initial negative test result for COVID-19;
 - (c) undergo follow-up testing between 4-6 days and between 9-11 days after travelling into the Province at the designated testing location;
 - (d) except for school or daycare, avoid entering or being in public places or at outdoor public spaces;
 - (e) wear a non-medical mask, if able, at all times when at school or day care; and
 - (f) practise hand hygiene and follow all public health measures.

If a child under this section develops symptoms or receives a positive test result for COVID-19, they must self-isolate for 14 days, or as directed by a public health official.

PEI Resident Same Day Essential Travel

20. Persons who are residents of the Province who:
- (a) have not been outside of the Province for a period greater than 24 hours immediately prior to travelling into the Province;
 - (b) follow any direction provided to them by a public health official;
 - (c) meet the requirements and comply with all mandatory direction provided at: www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/self-isolation-exemptions-pe-resident-same-day-travel
 - (d) do not have symptoms of COVID-19 or a current diagnosis of COVID-19;

- (e) are not a close contact of someone with symptoms of COVID-19 or a current diagnosis of COVID-19; and
- (f) are not the subject of a federal, provincial or local public health order requiring them to remain in isolation,

are exempt from the requirement to self-isolate.

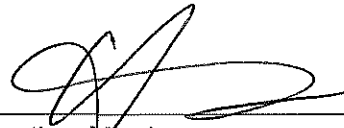
Effective Date

21. This Order:

- (a) revokes and replaces my order of January 23, 2021;
- (b) is effective on February 16, 2021 at 8:01 a.m., except where stated in this Order to have retroactive effect; and
- (c) shall remain in effect for the duration of the public health emergency in the Province, unless earlier amended or revoked.

TAKE NOTICE that failure to comply with this Order is an offence for which you may be liable on summary conviction in accordance with section 66 of the Act.

DATED at Charlottetown, Queens County, Prince Edward Island this ¹² ___ day of February, 2021.



Dr. Heather Morrison
Chief Public Health Officer