

# COVID-19 Travel Restrictions into Northern Saskatchewan – Questions & Answers

## What restrictions are in place in the Northern Saskatchewan Administration District (NSAD)?

No person shall travel to or from the NSAD from within the province of Saskatchewan or elsewhere, except as follows:

- Persons whose primary residence is in the NSAD;
- Employees of, and persons delivering critical public services and allowable business services;
- Indigenous persons engaging in protected activities, such as the right to hunt, fish and trap for food, and other traditional land uses such as gathering plants for food, medicinal and cultural purposes.
- Persons who must travel to and from the NSAD for medical treatment.

## What is the Northern Saskatchewan Administration District (NSAD)?

Information on the district including a map can be found at:

<https://www.planningforgrowthnorthsk.com/the-northern-saskatchewan-administration-district-nsad.html>

## Does the Re-Open Saskatchewan Plan apply to this area?

The public health order takes precedence in the NSAD. The Re-Open Saskatchewan Plan will not fully take effect in this area until this public health order is lifted. More detailed information for business owners will be provided in the coming days.

## Can I leave the district?

Travel outside of the district is allowed for residents of NSAD if it is essential and/or listed as exempt under the public health order. Limiting all non-essential travel helps prevent the spread of COVID-19 into communities throughout the province.

## I own property in the Northern Saskatchewan Administration District, can I travel to stay there or to check on it?

The public health order restricts all non-essential travel for persons who are not primary residents. Property owners who are **not** primary residents cannot travel to and from the district.

## What happens if I disobey the public health order?

Anyone disobeying a public health order is subject to the fines established. Fines are \$2,000 for individuals and up to \$75,000 for businesses.

## **Where are the checkpoints located?**

Check points and signage are being installed across the Northern Saskatchewan Administration District. Regardless of where those are installed, all persons need to adhere to the public health order and limit travel as instructed.

## **What happens at check points?**

At designated check points, vehicles may be stopped and occupants will be provided with information about public health order restrictions. Only travel eligible under the order will be allowed. No personal information will be collected about travelers by check point personnel. Peace officers and law enforcement will be available to respond to enforcement issues.

## **Is air travel to and from the north impacted?**

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- Persons who must travel to and from the NSAD for medical treatment.

## **Can I travel if I have no symptoms?**

Travel is restricted to and from the NSAD area of the province. All non-essential travel should be limited at this time.

## **What does restricted travel mean?**

The travel restriction means all non-essential travel should be limited. Exemptions are specifically stated in the public health order.

## **What are the exceptions?**

Exceptions will be persons who must travel to and from the NSAD for medical treatment, Indigenous persons engaging in protected activities, such as the right to hunt, fish and trap for food, and other traditional land uses such as gathering plants for food, medicinal and cultural purposes, employees of, and persons delivering critical public services and allowable business services, and persons whose primary residence is in the NSAD.

It is important that proper social distancing and sanitization practices are in place while traveling in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Those with symptoms should not travel, and need to contact 811 for direction.

# COVID-19 Travel Restrictions into Northern Saskatchewan - Information for Travelers

Several cases of COVID19 have been confirmed in specific communities in the north.

The Chief Medical Health Officer with the support of local leadership and the Government of Saskatchewan (GOS) has issued a public health order on April 24, 2020.

**EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, SASKATCHEWAN IS RESTRICTING TRAVEL TO AND FROM NORTHERN SASKATCHEWAN.**

**SPECIFICALLY, NO PERSON SHALL TRAVEL TO OR FROM THE NORTHERN SASKATCHEWAN ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT (NSAD) FROM WITHIN THE PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN OR ELSEWHERE, EXCEPT AS FOLLOWS:**

- Persons whose primary residence is in the NSAD;
- Employees of, and persons delivering, critical public services and allowable business services;
- Indigenous persons engaging in protected activities, such as the right to hunt, fish and trap for food, and other traditional land uses such as gathering plants for food, medicinal and cultural purposes; and
- Persons who must travel into the NSAD for medical treatment.

Your participation in following this health order is appreciated.

The Province of Saskatchewan is working closely with local authorities and health officials to contain this spread and ensure compliance of the public health order.

**For further information on COVID-19, please visit:**

- Government of Saskatchewan: [www.saskatchewan.ca/coronavirus](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/coronavirus)
- Government of Canada: [www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html](http://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html)