



Dear valued customer,

Thunder Airlines would like to thank you for your continued business throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. The Canadian Government has recently issued a mandate will require all eligible passengers boarding an aircraft in Canada to be fully vaccinated. Limited exemptions will apply for medical or religious reasons as well as accommodations for those living in remote communities.

### **Vaccine Mandate**

Effective October 30<sup>th</sup> 2021, all commercial air passengers over the age of 12 departing from Canadian airports will need to provide proof they are fully vaccinated (two doses at least 14 days prior) in order to travel by air.

For travellers who are in the process of being vaccinated, there will be a short transition period, from October 30<sup>th</sup> to November 29<sup>th</sup>, where passengers will be able to travel if they can show a valid negative COVID-19 molecular test taken within 72 hours of travel.

**By November 30<sup>th</sup> all travellers must be fully vaccinated with limited exceptions to address specific situations.**

### **Exemptions**

Individuals who are unable to receive the COVID-19 vaccine for medical or religious reasons may be eligible for an exemption from this mandate. These exemptions will be very limited and must meet very specific criteria as determined by the Government of Canada. **Passengers must provide valid proof of their exemption to be able to travel by air.**

### **Accommodations for Remote Communities**

For those living in remote communities (some of which are not accessible by road), air travel is often the only link to essential services. The Government of Canada has worked with Provinces and National Indigenous Organizations to develop these accommodations.

- Until local testing capacity can be assured, travellers departing from airports serving remote communities will not be required to provide proof of vaccination or a valid COVID-19 molecular test. **This accommodation will NOT apply to onward flights departing from what have been deemed to be Gateway Airports (Appendix A) or return flights to remote communities (Appendix B).**
- Any passenger traveling to a remote community will be required to provide proof of vaccination, medical or religious exemption, or a negative molecular COVID-19 test result within the last 72 hours.
- To ensure all travelers coming from, or transiting to, remote communities have access to molecular testing the Government of Canada has provided the Gateway Airports with self-administered rapid COVID-19 molecular test.
- The test kits will be made available to unvaccinated passengers prior to check in and are free of charge.

**NOTE: The process to obtain results takes approximately 30 minutes so these individuals are strongly encouraged to arrive at the airport at least 1 hour prior to departure to avoid any unnecessary delays.**

- A negative test result will allow unvaccinated travelers to continue their travel without the need for another test result for 72hrs. This test result would allow travelers to board multiple flights with the same negative test result.

#### **Appendix A- Gateway Airport**

The following sites have been identified as Gateway Airports and passengers departing from these locations to remote communities will be have access to rapid molecular test kits at no charge.

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| - Hamilton  | - Sault St. Marie   |
| - Kingston  | - Sudbury           |
| - London    | - Thunder Bay       |
| - North Bay | - Timmins           |
| - Ottawa    | - Toronto (Pearson) |

#### **Appendix B- Remote Communities**

Passengers travelling to these remote locations will be required to provide proof of vaccination, medical or religious exemption, or a negative molecular test result. Anyone departing from these locations will NOT be required to produce any vaccine related documentation until their return flight or onward travel. The following is a list of specified remote communities in Ontario only.

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| - Attawapiskat FN  | - Kashechewan FN        | - Pikangikum FN    |
| - Bearskin Lake FN | - Keewaywin FN          | - Poplar Hill FN   |
| - Cat Lake FN      | - Kingfisher FN         | - Sachigo Lake FN  |
| - Chisasibi        | - Marten Falls FN       | - Sandy Lake FN    |
| - Deer Lake FN     | - Muskrat Dam Lake FN   | - Slate Falls FN   |
| - Eabametoong FN   | - Neskantaga FN         | - Wapekeka FN      |
| - Fort Albany FN   | - Nibinamik FN          | - Waskaganish      |
| - Fort Good Hope   | - North Caribou Lake FN | - Webequie FN      |
| - Fort Severn FN   | - North Spirit Lake FN  | - Wemindji         |
| - Kasabonika FN    | - Peawanuck             | - Wunnumin Lake FN |

Thunder Airlines will continue to provide updates on our website as this mandate is subject to change. We would once again like to thank you for your business and continued patience during this time. For more information regarding the COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate please contact Thunder Airlines Customer Service at 1-800-803-9943 or email [charters@thunderair.com](mailto:charters@thunderair.com).