

National Vaccine Mandate

Effective October 30, all commercial air passengers over the age of 12 departing from Canadian airports, will need to provide proof of vaccination in order to travel by air.

There will be a short transition period, from October 30 to November 29, where travelers will be able to travel if they can show a valid COVID-19 molecular test taken within 72 hours of travel.

Medevac flights are excluded from these requirements and there will be a 4 month "grace period" to allow those turning 12 to be vaccinated.



Travel from Remote Communities to "Gateway" Airports

Wasaya Airways Gateway Airports - Thunder Bay

It is strongly recommended eligible travelers be vaccinated in order to dramatically reduce the risks of COVID-19.

There are accommodations for travelers from remote communities to travel to obtain essential services in support of their medical, health, or social well-being, and return safely to their homes.

- You do not need to show proof of vaccination when departing remote communities flying south or when flying north from Sioux Lookout on Wasaya. If you are continuing on with another airline you will be required to follow their protocols.
- Rapid tests will continue for all guests heading north from our Sioux Lookout terminal and for vaccinated guests departing Thunder Bay terminal until further notice.
- If you are departing from Thunder Bay heading north and you **do not** have proof of vaccination, you are required to produce a negative PCR COVID test.
- We encourage non-vaccinated guests to have a PCR test before arriving to the airport. The test must be taken within 72 hours of your scheduled departure time. If you are unable to get a test on your own, you must arrive to the airport a minimum of 90 minutes before your flight to be accommodated. You may be provided a local molecular COVID test which must be taken before boarding the aircraft. This test takes 30 minutes for results. If you do not arrive in time to complete this test, you may not be allowed to board the flight.

This mandate takes effect October 30, 2021 and is subject to change at any time. We will communicate any future changes as soon as we become aware.