



COVID-19 Questions and Answers – Supply Chain Management

1. What steps have been taken to ensure the importation/exportation of goods and other essential supplies to our communities?

While we have taken steps to restrict travel in and out of the NWT, we have identified exemptions that will allow the goods needed in our communities to get through. We are allowing supply truck traffic to continue to travel on our highways and air carriers to continue to access our communities.

These exemptions also allow for the travel of those workers who maintain our territory's critical supply chain infrastructure and equipment - for example, the workers who maintain the trucks and the roads that the trucks drive on, and the maintenance equipment. Nothing moves for long without maintenance of infrastructure and equipment.

A full list of exemptions is available online: <https://www.gov.nt.ca/en/newsroom/chief-public-health-officer-orders-travel-restrictions-and-self-isolation-those-entering>

2. How are essential supply chain workers defined?

Essential supply chain personnel are those involved in and critical to the continuance of the flow of goods to and through the NWT. This includes the people that operate the trucks, boats, trains and aircraft, the workers that manage and maintain these assets and systems, those that maintain the roads, waterways, rails and airports and associated equipment, and those that handle the cargo.

3. Are (ice-road) truckers driving to NWT mine sites included in the exemption?

Yes

4. What safety precautions are in place for supply-chain personnel that are travelling to communities?

Supply-chain personnel must not enter the territory if they feel sick or exhibit flu-like symptoms. Upon entry, they are required to adhere to guidelines established by the Chief Public Health Officer and practise [social distancing](#). If they must remain in the NWT overnight, they are not permitted to leave their accommodations – and if they begin to feel sick they must, of course, obey the requirement to [self-isolate](#) immediately.

5. How is the GNWT supporting companies essential to the NWT supply chain?

We recognize that our transportation partners that supply essential services to our communities are also directly impacted by the travel restrictions that we have put in place. We have reduced the fees that are charged to businesses supporting the supply chain until – at least - the end of June 2020. This includes tolls on the Deh Cho Bridge, truck permits and Airport Landing Fees.

We have also waived leases, licenses and concession fees from April 1st until the end of June for all businesses operating at NWT airports. This has provided immediate financial relief for businesses operating at all 27 NWT airports, including businesses from the aviation, logistics, and other industrial sectors.

We continue to advocate for federal supports and initiatives that will serve to maintain and protect our territory's supply chain.



6. What can the GNWT do to support northern airline companies that support northerners and the supply chain?

In addition to goods, we must be able to get key medical supplies to our communities. Ensuring essential air services is a critical element. We are working with airlines to define the challenges that northern air carriers are facing; and with the Government of Canada to help us in addressing them.

7. Do NWT residents have a role to play?

Residents can be supportive of those selling or distributing goods in their communities. We recognize that delivery schedules will likely be delayed or reduced as our northern carriers make necessary adjustments to their operations. We ask residents to be patient, plan ahead and purchase their supplies in moderation.