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This Exemption to Work expires on: December 25, 2020 at 6:00am

Mr. Santa Claus:

**Exemption for Non-Resident Worker to Work during first 14 Days of Self-Isolation
(Public Health Order – COVID-19 Travel Restrictions and Self-Isolation Protocol)**

The Chief Public Health Officer may take certain actions including issuing directions or orders for the purpose of protecting the public health under the authority of the *Public Health Act*, S.N.W.T. 2007, c.17. I, Dr. Kami Kandola, as Chief Public Health Officer of the Northwest Territories, allow Mr. Claus to work during their self-isolation period if the rules below are followed. To this end, Mr. Claus must follow the rules below to lower the public health risk of COVID-19 spread in the Northwest Territories:

While working in the NWT, you must:

- **Wear a face mask at all times, especially in homes of northerners;**
- **Self-isolate when you are not delivering presents.** This means you cannot go into any public spaces, business or join in any activities while not working;
- Make efforts to **socially distance from sleeping parents and children** (at least 2 metres) while working;
- **Complete and submit the symptom check** form to Protect NWT online or by calling 1-833-378-8297 on each of the 2nd, 6th, 10th and 14th days following entry into the Northwest Territories;
- Please **pay special attention to Rudolph's red nose** at this time of year. If he, or any of the other reindeers or helpers display any symptoms of COVID-19, you all must immediately self-isolate, notify a local health care provider and comply with any further directions provided by the health care provider and/or the Chief Public Health Officer;
- **Do not use shared toys, sleighs, tools or workspaces and disinfect them before and after use;**



- **Do not have any contact with children or parents when delivering presents.** Please work while everyone is sleeping;
- **You may enjoy cookies and milk or other single serve goodies** if you are by yourself; and,
- **Expression of Christmas joy and cheerfulness is allowed as long as social distance can be maintained.**

I understand that the North Pole has not had any cases of COVID-19 this year, however, you will be travelling a lot in the next while and by following these rules you will help keep the residents of the Northwest Territories safe while spreading holiday cheer.

All visitors have a responsibility and role to play in preventing the spread of COVID-19 and we must do what we can to protect each other. I appreciate your support in keeping the Northwest Territories safe during the holidays.

P.S. Santa – I have been on the *Nice List* this year. I hope you are well.

Merry Christmas,

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