# COVID-19 PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES

# FOR SASKATCHEWAN MINING INDUSTRY

# **Mining Work Camps**



**SMA** Saskatchewan Mining Association







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The health and safety of workers at Saskatchewan mining work camps, and their families, is of paramount importance to SMA member companies and a number of precautionary measures have been taken by SMA members in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

While all companies with mining work camps operate under a specific pandemic plan, there are a number of elements that are common to all mining work camps. These are the **minimum** precautions taken and additional measures may be employed at mining work camps on a site-specific basis using a risk-informed approach.

### All companies follow the direction of the province's Chief Medical Health Officer

In consultation with Northern communities and the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA), all Northern sites have made the decision to enter into temporary care and maintenance to protect the health of employees, contractors and their communities.

Northern mine sites will continue to work with the SHA, Northern communities, and others as needed, in preparation for additional employees returning to work. This will be done in a cautious and considered manner.

### Pre-site Access

- company communication to all employees with respect to company-specific COVID-19 response actions/requirements
- employees are required to self isolate at home for 14 days:
  - if they have travelled outside of Canada
  - o if they have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19
  - o return to work only after consultation with site nurse and/or the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA)
  - contact tracing conducted for any positive tests
- employees must not exhibit any COVID-related symptoms, if sick, employees are required to call 811 and follow the advice of the medical professionals
  - o return to work only after consultation with site nurse and/or the SHA
  - o contact tracing conducted for any positive tests
- flight pre-boarding health screening questions are being asked of each worker (outbound/inbound)
- flight pre-boarding Body Temperature Screening (thermometer, thermal imaging, etc.) (outbound/inbound)
- optimization of seating on flights to and from sites (one person/row staggered to increase distance)
- reduction in the number of workers on buses to/from the camp (one person/row staggered to increase distance)

### Work camps

- limiting on-site employees to essential personnel only
- increased frequency of sanitization of camp accommodations
- accommodations are sanitized between users
- maintaining minimum 2m spacing in the dining area
- removal of self-serve food items from dining area
- establishment of isolation areas within the camp
- if/when isolation is necessary
  - meals are brought directly to the individual
  - $\circ$  return to work or home community only after consultation with site nurse and/or the SHA
  - o contact tracing conducted for any positive tests