

## NEW TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS ENTRY INTO CANADA IN AIR MODE

In accordance with the recent Government of Canada decision, and in an effort to keep Canadians safe and secure from the global spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, new measures are being put into place including restrictions on airports accepting international flights, and preventing foreign nationals from entering Canada by air.

### **AIRPORT FUNNELLING:**

As of 00:01 am EDT on March 18, 2020, all international flights will be funnelled with the exception of those originating from Mexico, the Caribbean, and the US to four Canadian airports including: Toronto Pearson, Montreal Pierre Elliott Trudeau, Vancouver International, and Calgary International Airports.

### **TRAVEL BAN:**

With regard to the travel ban on foreign nationals, air carriers with flights to Canada will not be permitted to board any passenger after 12:00 pm on March 18, 2020, and with planned landing times after 23:59 on March 18, who is not a Canadian citizen or permanent resident, with the exception of:

- Foreign nationals, including United States (U.S.) citizens, who have been in the U.S. and Canada for more than 14 days;
- Close family members\* of Canadian citizens and permanent residents;
- Person registered as an Indian under the *Indian Act*;
- Person who is authorized, in writing, by a consular officer of the Government of Canada to enter Canada for the purpose of reuniting immediate family members;
- Crew member;
- Accredited diplomats and family members, including representative from the United Nations and international organizations for which Canada is part of;
- Foreign nationals travelling at the invitation of the Canadian government for the purpose of assisting in the COVID-19 response or whose entry would be in the national interest;
- Person who arrives by means of an aircraft operated by the Canadian Forces or the Department of National Defence;
- Members of the Canadian military, visiting forces, and their family members;
- Protected Persons;
- French residents of St. Pierre and Miquelon (SPM) who has only been in SPM, the U.S. or Canada during the period of 14 days before the day on which they board;
- Person or any person in class of persons who, in the opinion of the Chief Public Health Officer does not pose a risk of significant harm to the public health, or will provide essential service while in Canada; and,
- Transiting passengers through Canada to another country.

*\*Close family members is defined as: a spouse or common-law partner, dependent children, and their dependent children*

Note: All foreign nationals, including U.S. citizens from overseas would be denied boarding to Canada. This travel restriction will also apply to current electronic Travel Authorization and visa holders who do not meet the list of exemptions.

### Health Screening

Airlines will also be required to screen all passengers, including Canadian citizens and permanent residents, for symptoms related to COVID-19 before they board a flight to Canada; those who have symptoms will not be allowed to board for the next 14 days following their denial

### Self- Isolation

In accordance with official advice from the Public Health Agency of Canada, all travellers arriving to Canada, including Canadians, will be asked to self-isolate for 14 days upon their arrival to Canada.

**For more information on Canada's response to COVID-19, and restrictions related to travel to Canada, please visit [Canada.ca/coronavirus](https://Canada.ca/coronavirus) or call 1 (833) 784-4397**