



Are you ready to travel?



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The desire to travel outside of Canada has only grown as the pandemic continues.

As vaccinations increase and COVID cases continue to decrease, Canadians are thinking about travelling again. Any travel at this time puts you at increased risk of contracting COVID and should be carefully considered.

While many aspects of international travel are yet to be determined and travel rules remain fluid, we do know that travel will not return to normal for some time yet.

Anyone travelling in the foreseeable future must accept that rules regarding travel, border entry, testing and quarantine requirements may change at any time and may result in unanticipated delays and additional costs. If you travel, you must be prepared to accept these unknown risks. Many requirements will be imposed by other nations and are beyond the control of the Canadian government.

Until travel returns to normal, it will be important to stay informed about the rules you or your visitors will have to follow.

I have provided you with some critical sources of information in this mailing and hope you fully review it before booking any trips outside of Canada.

(I am aware that unvaccinated Canadians are heavily restricted in their travel options. It is important to recognize that this is the decision of the Liberal government alone and is not done in consultation with me or my Conservative colleagues. Not all Canadians will get vaccinated and it is time we find policy solutions to address this reality as they have done in other nations.)

The COVID situation in Canada is improving, but this is still not the case in many countries. Personally, I will be travelling within Canada this year to support the Canadian tourism industry and I hope you could consider doing the same.

Stay safe and bon voyage,

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of all the issues and concerns
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attention throughout the month
in the letters our community
writes to me. Sign up today!

PASSPORTS: YOUR TICKET TO TRAVEL

Before booking any travel, you will need to make sure your passport is valid for at least six months longer than your planned return date.

If you need to order a new passport, please visit www.Canada.ca/passport or call toll-free to **1-800-567-6868**

In most cases, passports can be ordered without having to visit a passport office and will arrive in a few weeks.

It is important that a lost or misplaced passport is not used fraudulently. Reporting a lost or stolen passport helps protect your identity and our country. You will not be able to obtain a new passport without your old passport or proof you have reported it lost or stolen.



ARRIVECAN: IT'S MANDATORY

You **must** use the free **ArriveCAN** program to provide mandatory travel information before and after your (re)entry into Canada.

The ArriveCAN program allows Border Services Officers to quickly and accurately process health screening protocols.



Failure to use the program may result in fines and/or quarantines that can be easily avoided through use of the app.

It only takes minutes and is accessible either through a computer or your phone. You can download it in advance to avoid hassles and data charges when travelling. If you have any questions, please call **1-833-283-7403**.



PREPARE: KNOW YOUR RISKS

All travel comes with risks and it is important that when travelling you are aware of the situation at your destination.

The Government of Canada provides travel advice and advisories for all countries. They give you important advice to help you to make informed decisions and to travel safely.

No matter where you plan to travel, **make sure you check the Travel Advice and Advisories page (www.travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories) for your destination twice:** once when you are planning your trip, and again shortly before you leave. Safety and security

conditions may change between the time you book and travel.

Get regularly updated information on:

- local safety and security conditions and areas to avoid
- entry and exit requirements
- local laws and culture
- possible health hazards and health restrictions
- natural hazards and climate
- where to find help while you are travelling abroad

It is important to note that many travel insurance policies will NOT cover you if ignore certain travel advisories and travel to areas where travel is not recommended.

REGISTER: HELP US, HELP YOU

Before you travel, always register your trip with the Government of Canada at www.travel.gc.ca/register.

Registering allows the government to notify you in case of an emergency abroad or a

personal emergency at home. It also allows you to receive important information before or during a natural disaster or civil unrest.

We encourage you to register whether you are vacationing or living abroad.

WELCOME HOME

No matter where we travel or how long we are away, it is always the journey home that seems to take longer.

By preparing properly for your return to Canada, you can avoid unnecessary delays, costs and hassles. (See the section on the ArriveCan on the previous page.)

All the information you need for your return to Canada can be found at www.travel.gc.ca/returning. This information can change at any time and so it should be checked before and during your trip, especially if there are changes or situations underway. Also find out about the latest COVID testing requirements, border waiting times, customs, importation and declaration requirements.

To protect our health, our environment and our agricultural industries, it is important that you **never** bring back soil, seeds, insects, or anything else that does not belong in the Canadian environment. It is up to us to protect our environment by stopping the spread of invasive species and diseases. If in doubt, leave it behind and bring back a photo instead.



EMERGENCY HELP

Emergencies happen and the Government of Canada can often help when others cannot. The most common assistance requests are:

- Legal, arrest and detention issues
- Child abduction and custody issues
- Death abroad
- Financial assistance
- Forced marriage
- Hijacking, hostage takings and kidnappings
- Large-scale emergencies abroad
- Lost or stolen belongings abroad
- Missing persons
- Passport/emergency travel documents

- Physical assault abroad
- Sexual assault abroad
- Sickness, injury or medical

If you require help:

Email: sos@international.gc.ca

Phone: **613-996-8885**

(If needed, call collect or call toll-free from the USA to 1-800-387-3124)

SMS/Text: **613-686-3658**

WhatsApp: **613-909-8881**

TTY:Service **613-944-1310**

Have quarantines for travelers been successful at limiting the spread of COVID into Canada?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

Is the current requirement to provide a negative COVID test discouraging you from travelling?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

Should the federal government make accommodations to allow unvaccinated people to travel by plane or train within Canada?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

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When it comes to addressing the concerns of Canadians...

What do you think of the job the Conservative caucus is doing?

- ☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ POOR

What do you think of the job the Liberal caucus is doing?

- ☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ POOR

What do you think of the job the NDP caucus is doing?

- ☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ POOR

What do you think of the job your Member of Parliament Len Webber is doing?

- ☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ POOR



Looking for a job?

If you are seeking employment, visit www.jobbank.gc.ca for a list of public and private sector job opportunities.

You can search for job by location, type, full time/part time/casual.

You can also download the app, set up alerts, look for skills matches and build your resume.

Thousands of jobs are available.

Looking for help?

The effects of social distancing and social isolation have had an adverse impact on the mental health of many, but help is available.

If you need to speak to someone, please call 811, or call the Mental Health Helpline at 1-877-303-2642.

Youth can get help through Kids Help Phone at 1-800-668-6868.

Looking for benefits?

If you are in need of government assistance benefits, please visit www.canadabenefits.gc.ca

You will be provided with all the benefits you may be eligible for after answering 20 multiple-choice questions.

You may be surprised to find out you are entitled to benefits you are not currently receiving.

Looking for COVID info?

For the latest and most accurate information on anything related to COVID-19, please visit www.canada.ca/coronavirus.

You can find frequently updated information on the current situation, financial and economic support, your health, limiting the spread, travel and immigration, and how you can help combat COVID-19.

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