



## COMMUNIQUÉ

### **Enhanced Border Measures at Ports of Entry in response to COVID-19 - *Minimizing the Risk of Exposure to COVID-19 Coronavirus Disease in Canada Order (Prohibition of Entry into Canada — Number 2)***

This communique provides clarification of this Order that is being put into place to reduce the entry of persons into Canada and may introduce or contribute to the spread of COVID-19 in Canada. This measure was mutually agreed upon with the United States to ensure the health and safety of Canadians and Americans, safeguard the capacity of the healthcare system, support the international and domestic response and address the economic implications of COVID-19.

This Order will take effect at 0001hrs Eastern Daylight Time on March 21, 2020.

This prohibition applies to any foreign national who does not enter Canada by right as per [section 19 of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act](#) (defined as anyone who is not a Canadian Citizen, Permanent Resident of Canada or a person registered as an Indian under the [Indian Act](#)), and is:

- Seeking to enter Canada for an optional or discretionary purpose, including tourism, recreation, entertainment, and cultural activities;
- Seeking to enter Canada for the purposes of transiting to another country, other than by means of an aircraft;
- Exhibiting signs and symptoms of illness suggesting respiratory infection, in particular the following symptoms:
  - (a) a fever higher than 38°C or feeling feverish;
  - (b) a cough; and
  - (c) breathing difficulties.

Canadian citizens, Permanent Residents of Canada, and any person registered as an Indian under the *Indian Act* as described under [A19](#) are exempt from this prohibition. However, any Canadian citizen, Permanent Resident of Canada, and any person registered as an Indian under the *Indian Act* will be asked to self-isolate for 14 days upon entry.

Some specific exemptions to this Order apply, including for healthy workers who provide essential services, including workers in the trade and transportation sector who are important for the movement of goods and people across the border, such as truck drivers and crew on any aircraft, train or marine vessel crossing the border. It also includes healthy people who have to cross the border to go to work, including health care providers and critical infrastructure workers. **Please note that any foreign national exhibiting signs and symptoms of respiratory illness, regardless of the reason for crossing, will not be permitted entry.**



This communique is current at the time of writing but given the rapidly changing situation, further travel restrictions may come into effect.

A follow-up communique will be issued when the Interim Order is lifted or procedures change further.

If you have any additional questions regarding this communique, please contact the CBSA directly at:

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