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Subject: RE: Update from Canada: further measures to restrict Cdn/US border crossings (confidential)
Date: March 17, 2020 10:58:03 AM

Hi Bobbi: Some feedback from JEDC. Fazil

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Its important to remember that \$30Billion of goods were exported through US customs ports in 2019. \$29.7Billion imports came in. US travellers entering or returning to Canada through BC

Traveller category	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19
United States travellers	534,895	478,950	531,512	525,459	535,915	531,669	529,912	527,360	533,664	523,985	527,685	536,872
United States travellers entering by automobile, total	326,971	280,751	321,475	320,265	309,134	305,988	303,795	303,844	307,991	310,652	322,839	324,954
United States residents entering by plane	110,414	108,739	109,232	119,268	112,132	118,523	116,526	114,638	115,716	107,714	104,622	113,283
United States travellers entering by other mode (bus, train, etc)	97,510	89,460	100,805	85,927	114,649	107,158	109,592	108,877	109,957	105,620	100,224	98,635
Trade data by Customs Port, 2019 (Preliminary)												
PORT# CUSTOMS PORT	IMPORTS-Free	IMPORTS-Dutiable	IMPORTS-Total	IMPORTS-Duty	EXPORTS-Domestic	RE-EXPORTS	EXPORTS-Total	Total \$ Through Port				
800 British Columbia and Yukon	522,486,570	0	522,486,570	0	535,164,980	1,767,012	536,931,992	1,059,418,562				
801 Cranbrook	2,606,660	0	2,606,660	0	4,200	0	4,200	2,610,860				
803 Vancouver - Mail Centre	1,077	4,284	5,361	236	252,559	0	252,559	257,920				
804 Nanaimo	160,614,504	237,372,488	397,986,992	19,477,979	1,070,955,516	0	1,070,955,516	1,468,942,508				
806 Vancouver - Marine Operations	97,242	0	97,242	0	42,569,508,469	976,693,791	43,546,202,260	43,546,299,502				
807 Penticton	31,894	23,512	55,406	976	40,804	0	40,804	96,210				
808 Prince Rupert	335,320,194	35,411,035	370,731,229	4,489,980	4,973,879,808	26,634,521	5,000,514,329	5,371,245,558				
809 Vancouver - Main Long Room	16,389,525,475	7,838,706,518	24,228,231,993	697,416,946	51,511,560	125,500	51,637,060	24,279,869,053				
810 Vancouver - United Terminals	0	0	0	0	170,068	0	170,068	170,068				
811 Victoria	101,332,458	3,401,230	104,733,688	246,379	37,454,468	13,876,543	51,331,011	156,064,699				
812 Trail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
813 Pacific Highway	13,893,345,086	3,104,229,167	16,997,574,253	186,942,476	12,972,962,706	2,751,114,331	15,724,077,037	32,721,651,290				
814 Kamloops	76,948,005	196,838	77,144,843	12,794	1,170,906	121,931	1,292,837	78,437,680				
815 Boundary Bay	10,993,436	1,948,860	12,942,296	171,961	11,740,903	8,280,479	20,021,382	32,963,678				
816 Cascade	15,214,787	353,572	15,568,359	21,543	93,183,806	24,710	93,208,516	108,776,875				
817 Huntington	2,717,334,395	86,877,213	2,804,211,608	3,911,651	4,502,609,248	449,658,631	4,952,267,879	7,756,479,487				
818 Kingsgate	2,515,878,689	241,577,051	2,757,455,740	14,477,450	6,870,956,699	766,010,880	7,636,967,579	10,394,423,319				
819 Osoyoos	551,834,986	36,828,193	588,663,179	1,750,954	481,200,504	177,558,239	658,758,743	1,247,421,922				
820 Prince George	120,315	0	120,315	0	4,949,057	9,175	4,958,232	5,078,547				
821 Vancouver - Intl Airport	5,610,153,537	983,142,549	6,593,296,086	88,480,689	2,569,288,941	554,093,294	3,123,382,235	9,716,678,321				
822 Rykerts	7,697,837	134,310	7,832,147	10,090	5,659,352	47,707	5,707,059	13,539,206				
823 Vernon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
824 Rossville	46,358,598	789,878	47,148,476	58,818	77,412,686	4,380,711	81,793,397	128,941,873				
825 Port Alberni	0	0	0	0	6,023,518	2,357	6,025,875	6,025,875				
826 Powell River	0	0	0	0	3,456,972	330,463	3,787,435	3,787,435				
827 Kitimat	470,411,667	0	470,411,667	0	580,500,411	0	580,500,411	1,050,912,078				
828 Nelway	125,790,764	102,679	125,893,443	10,593	8,513,254	302,643	8,815,897	134,709,340				
829 Flathead	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
830 Courtenay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
831 Kelowna	4,012,433	336,609	4,349,042	22,649	7,669,254	419,767	8,089,021	12,438,063				
832 Paterson	81,073,123	422,596	81,495,719	42,514	87,159,007	28,592	87,187,599	168,683,318				
833 Waneta	5,100,046	136,979	5,237,025	9,966	1,587,613	219,954	1,807,567	7,044,592				
834 Carson	2,818,597	43,735	2,862,332	2,685	6,262,901	44,643	6,307,544	9,169,876				
835 Midway	2,086,845	8,538	2,095,383	113	512,061	0	512,061	2,607,444				
836 Chopaka	8,514	0	8,514	0	0	0	0	8,514				
837 Sidney	36,950,144	19,849,365	56,799,509	1,812,197	3,369,835,065	7,881,428	3,377,716,493	3,434,516,002				
838 Campbell River	1,210,341	60,348	1,270,689	5,134	43,008,130	0	43,008,130	44,278,819				
839 Dawson Creek	110	0	110	0	0	0	0	110				
840 Douglas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
841 Aldergrove	510,710,517	34,588,683	545,299,200	937,058	42,987,075	4,135,885	47,122,960	592,422,160				
842 Pacific Customs Brokers	54,586,726	9,445,069	64,031,795	811,980	0	0	0	64,031,795				
890 Whitehorse	2,886,012	0	2,886,012	0	599,528	0	599,528	3,485,540				
891 Pleasant Camp	22,686,952	28,042	22,714,994	1,823	4,324,514	1,507,313	5,831,827	28,546,821				
892 Beaver Creek	50,761,842	705,831	51,467,673	43,384	0	0	0	51,467,673				
893 Fraser	78,095,000	7,562	78,102,562	512	65,768,227	2,644,647	68,412,874	146,515,436				
894 Dawson City	0	0	0	0	211,455,185	140,296,654	351,751,839	351,751,839				
895 Little Gold Creek	349,952	5,435	355,387	453	0	0	0	355,387				
TOTAL (Inc. Yukon)	44,407,435,330	12,636,738,169	57,044,173,499	1,021,171,983	81,269,739,955	5,888,211,801	87,157,951,756	144,202,125,255				
BC TOTAL	44,353,437,524	12,636,026,903	56,989,464,427	1,021,128,146	81,057,685,242	5,747,915,147	86,805,600,389	143,795,064,816				

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Importance: High

Canada has just signalled their willingness to consider taking further steps to close the border to the US. Not closing the border completely but reducing border crossings to essential activity only. There are careful conversations with the US – Canada's best outcome is to have a shared, reciprocal agreement with the US about the border.

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Canada is asking PTs to indicate any additional exceptions they want to make this morning. Apologies for the very short timeline – may I ask you to provide me whatever you have as soon as possible. Thanks Bobbi

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Thank you for sharing this Bobbi!
Chris

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On Mar 17, 2020, at 6:51 PM, Plecas, Bobbi IGRS:EX <Bobbi.Plecas@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Chris

Thanks for the opportunity to provide our comments.

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Happy to chat

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Kelly, Bobbi and Pierrette,

In follow-up to our call yesterday and Kelly, our chat this morning, I'm forwarding you the lines we received this morning from CBSA, below. This is in relation to Campobello Island but is applicable to Point Rogers as well.

In addition, as discussed, here is the pamphlet and the Qs that border agents are asking travelers.

- The Canada Border Services Agency and US Customs and Border Protection are well aware of and used to dealing with the geographic inhibitors that affect the residents of Campobello Island and other unique cross border situations between our countries.
- The travel restrictions that are being put in place are in effect to restrict travel that is related to leisure activities, including tourism, in one or the other country.
- Residents of Campobello Island that are intending to direct travel between Lubec and Calais Maine will not be restricted in their travels.
- Residents of Campobello Island that need to enter the United States for essential services will not be restricted in their travel.
- Persons who intend to travel from St. Stephen New Brunswick to Campobello Island New Brunswick directly through the United States will not be restricted in their travels.
- Residents of Campobello Island that intend to enter the United States for the purpose of leisure activities or extended stays will not be allowed to enter.

In addition as requested, here is the pamphlet that is being used for self-isolation (not applicable to essential workers)/travelers) and the two questions are below, as provided by CBSA:

- PHAC Q: "Do you currently have a cough, difficulty breathing, or feel you have a fever?"
- Declaration: "Do you acknowledge that you are being asked to self-isolate for the next 14 days to prevent the potential spread of COVID-19?"

Hope this is helpful,

Chris

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Prime Minister Justin Trudeau speaks with First Ministers on efforts to address the impacts of COVID-19

March 24, 2020
Ottawa, Ontario

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24 mars 2020
Ottawa (Ontario)

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- [Les premiers ministres discutent des efforts collectifs pour faire face aux impacts de la COVID-19](#)
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- [Le premier ministre annonce un soutien supplémentaire aux travailleurs et aux entreprises grâce au Plan d'intervention économique du Canada pour répondre à la COVID-19](#)
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Good morning, Bonjour,

Here are the documents from the CBSA on the enhanced border measures for your info. Voici les documents de l'ASFC au sujet du renforcement des mesures à la frontière.

Thank you. Merci.

Chris



Renforcement des mesures à la frontière

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Traveller arrives at CBSA PIL for screening by
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Soutien de l'ASFC au suivi des contacts par l'ASFC

Opérations des passagers aériens

Le voyageur arrive à la LPI de l'ASFC pour se soumettre à un contrôle par un agent des services frontaliers (ASF)

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Documents from the CBSA on the enhanced border measures.



Enhanced Border Measures

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TELECONFERENCES OF PREMIERS AND FIRST MINISTERS APRIL 23 and 24, 2020

COVID-19 Case Count (as of April 22, 11:00 am)

Confirmed Cases	New Cases (last 24 hours)	Recovered Cases	Currently in Hospital	Currently in ICU (and HAU)	Mechanical Ventilated	Deaths
1,795 (↑71)	71	1,079 (↑38)	103 (↓6)	46 (↓5)	30 (↓3)	90 (↑3)

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- Among PTs:
 - Premier Moe plans made a televised address on April 22, followed on April 23 by announcement of the Re-Open Saskatchewan plan. The plan was developed in consultation with SK's Chief Health Officer, and will include continued and increased contact tracing and testing. The plan has five phases, to be adjusted as required:
 - **Phase 1 (starting May 1)** – May 4: Medical services; parks open for boating and fishing; camping reservations open. May 15: golf courses with physical distancing requirements. June 1: camping areas open, operating at 50% capacity, only for Saskatchewan residents.

- **Phase 2 (May 19)** – Retail, i.e., clothing, shoes, flowers, sporting, electronics. Personal services, i.e., hairdressers, barbers, massage, acupuncture, acupressure.
 - **Phase 3 (no date given)** – Restaurants and bars at 50% capacity. Other personal services that were not included in phase 2.
 - **Phase 4 (no date given)** – Recreation and entertainment – gyms, swimming pools, theatres, museums.
 - **Phase 5 (no date given)** – Lifting of broader and longer term restrictions. This will be far down the road.
 - Over next few weeks business will be added to the “allowable” list, meaning they can open if they choose. They will be required to follow good cleaning and distancing practices.
 - Many restrictions and rules will remain in place. These include: provincial state of emergency; rules re non-essential international travel; mandatory self-isolation for international travellers & COVID-19 affected people; visitors for long term care homes restricted to family or compassionate grounds; no large public events or gatherings; classes in all schools are suspended.
- Premier Kenney outlined a five-step Alberta relaunch strategy on April 16, which could result in loosening of restrictions in mid-May.
 - Manitoba launched a working group on April 18 to determine when and how to lift restrictions.
 - Ontario plans to release its economic recovery framework within the next few days.

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- Premier Moe announced yesterday an additional \$2 billion over two years in provincial funding for infrastructure projects, bringing Saskatchewan's total spending over two years to \$7.5 billion. The announcement focussed on "jobs for Saskatchewan, business for Saskatchewan".

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- Public Health has recently revised guidance for COVID-19 testing by Nucleic Acid Tests (NATs) as follows:
 - Test all individuals with new respiratory or symptoms compatible with COVID-19 however mild.
 - Individuals to be prioritized for testing include: residents and staff of long-term care facilities; individuals requiring admission to hospital or likely to be admitted; healthcare workers; individuals with a higher probability of being infected with COVID-19 such as travellers just returned to Canada; residents of remote, isolated communities, including remote and isolated Indigenous communities; people living in congregate settings such as work camps, correctional facilities, shelters, group homes, assisted living and seniors' residences; people who are homeless or have unstable housing; and essential service providers such as first responders.
 - Healthcare providers can order a COVID-19 test for any patient based on clinical judgement.
 - COVID-19 testing not recommended for individuals without symptoms.
 - The Medical Health Officer may recommend testing for others, such as those who are part of an investigation of a cluster or outbreak.

- On March 26, Yukon announced a program offering ten days of paid sick leave for workers, including the self-employed, who do not have access to an employer sick leave program, should they fall ill or be required to self-isolate.
 - Yukon's program is intended to support Yukoners to put their health first, and reduce the spread of COVID-19. A doctor's note is not required.
 - The maximum daily rate that will be covered by government is \$378.13. (This is equivalent to an annual salary of \$90,750.)
 - The program is administered as a rebate to employers.
 - Employers and employees must be Yukon-based.
 - The program is in effect until September.
 - The rebate is not available to Yukon Government, federal government, municipal, or Yukon First Nations employers.

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- The federal government has banned cruise ships until at least July 1 under two separate measures: a restriction imposed early on for ships over 500 people and a restriction taken later for smaller ships.

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Federal Measures

- On May 11, the federal government announced several new measures to support large and medium-sized businesses through the pandemic.
- One of these measures is a new Large Employer Emergency Financing Facility (LEEFF). Few details have been announced, but attention has focused on the stated requirement that “recipient companies would be required to commit to publish annual climate-related disclosure reports consistent with the Financial Stability Board’s Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures, including

how their future operations will support environmental sustainability and national climate goals.”

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Additional Agenda Items for First Ministers' Teleconference

COVID-19 Immunity Task Force

- First Ministers will be joined for part of their call by three members of the federal government's COVID-19 Immunity Task Force: Executive Director Dr. Tim Evans and Co-Chairs Dr. Catherine Hankins and Dr. David Naylor.
- The Immunity Task Force (ITF) is a team of scientists launched by the Prime Minister on April 23, 2020 with a mandate to advance work on studying SARS-CoV-2 immunity and on studying advantages and limitations of immunity testing and related technologies.
- The ITF's leadership group includes representatives appointed by Deputy Ministers of Health.
- Dr. Bonnie Henry is the B.C. liaison for the ITF.
- Members of the ITF Leadership Group who are based in B.C. include: Dr. Mel Krajden (BCCDC and UBC), Dr. Deborah Money (UBC) and Dr. Gina Ogilvie (UBC and BCCDC).

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Other Recent or Upcoming Announcements

- **Tourism:** On May 31, Destination Canada announced \$30 million in federal funding to provincial and territorial tourism organizations to promote holidays in Canadians' "own back yard".
- **Bank of Canada:** In its June 3 interest rate announcement, the Bank of Canada suggested that the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic appears to have peaked, although uncertainty about how the recovery will unfold remains high.

The Bank also suggested that the Canadian economy appears to have avoided the most severe scenario presented in the Bank's April Report. While the outlook for the second half of 2020 and beyond remains heavily clouded, the Bank expects the economy to resume growth in the third quarter.

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Hi,

Here are some Qs&As on family reunification in case you need them. Voici un document de questions/réponses sur la réunification familiale au cas que ça pourrait vous aider.

Merci.

Chris

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS / QUESTIONS ET RÉPONSES

(Le français suit)

Q1. Why are these measures changed now?

The Government of Canada recognizes the challenges that this pandemic and the temporary border measures have had on families and has been looking at ways to keep families together and support family unity while respecting measured public health controls.

Q2. Are immediate family members coming from another country other than the United States allowed to come in for discretionary reasons?

Asymptomatic immediate family members of Canadian citizens and permanent residents who meet the immediate family member definition and are coming to Canada for a minimum of 15 days will be exempt from the prohibition from entering Canada for a discretionary purpose.

Asymptomatic immediate family members **must** quarantine for 14 days. Immediate family members with COVID-19 symptoms will **not** be allowed into Canada.

Q3. Are immediate family members exempt from quarantine?

Immediate family members **must** quarantine for 14 days.

Immediate family members will need to confirm that they have a suitable place to quarantine where they will have access to basic necessities (such as food and medication) and not have contact with vulnerable people, such as adults aged 65 years or over and people with pre-existing medical conditions, unless the vulnerable person is a consenting adult or is the parent or minor in a parent-minor relationship. Travellers will be expected to make plans for where they will quarantine in advance of arriving to Canada. Travellers should ensure that they are aware of the provincial entry, quarantine and public health requirements by consulting the respective provincial/territorial websites.

Q4. Do these measures apply to temporary residents (i.e. students or foreign workers)?

This change does not apply to immediate family members of temporary residents in Canada, such as those on a student or work visa.

Q5. Does the immediate family member demonstrate that he/she is coming in for a non-discretionary reason? Do they need an essential reason to enter Canada?

Asymptomatic foreign national immediate family members of Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be exempt from the prohibition from entering Canada for a discretionary purpose if entering to be with their immediate family member for at least 15 days.

If they are not able to demonstrate they will be entering to be with their immediate family member, or that they will be in Canada for at least 15 days, they will only be allowed entry for a non-discretionary/not optional purpose of travel.

Travel by healthy people who have to cross the border to go to work or for other non-discretionary purposes, such as medical care, continues.

Q6. Can an immediate family members enter for fewer than 14 days?

Asymptomatic foreign national immediate family members of Canadian citizens and permanent residents who intend to stay in Canada for 14 days or less may still enter Canada as long as their entry is not for a purpose that is discretionary and, if seeking entry from the United States, are able to comply with the requirement to quarantine based on their purpose of travel and intended length of stay.

Some examples of non-discretionary travel purposes are:

- Crossing the border for work and study;
- Economic services and supply chains;
- Critical infrastructure support;
- Health (immediate medical care), safety and security;
- Shopping for essential goods such as medication or goods necessary to preserve the health and safety of an individual or family; and
- Other activities at the discretion of the border services officer (BSO).

Q7. What happened when a foreign national spouse shows up, had no status in Canada and intends to stay in Canada indefinitely?

If a foreign National is travelling with or joining their Canadian citizen/permanent reside of Canada spouse and indicates they are coming for 2 weeks to 6 months, they would be considered a visitor to Canada and may be given a Visitor record or have their passport stamped.

Q8. What happens when a foreign national spouse shows up, has no status in Canada and has the intent to reside permanently in Canada?

When the foreign national spouse of a Canadian Citizen or Permanent resident arrives at a port of entry and indicates his intention to reside permanently in Canada, the Border Services Officer can apply the principle of Dual Intent in the *Immigration and Refugee Protection ACT*.

Dual Intent per *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* states that if a foreign national has the intention to become a Permanent resident of Canada (by making legal

application to do so), it does not preclude them from becoming a temporary resident if the officer is satisfied that they will leave Canada by the end of the period authorized for their stay.

The Border Services Officer will question the traveller on whether application for Permanent Residence has already been made. If it has not, the Border Services Officer will counsel the traveller that they must make application as soon as is possible. The Border Services Officer will also document the traveller on a Visitor Record. It is possible to have Visitor Records extended while the foreign national waits for their Permanent Residence application to be finalized. This is not an never-ending process, the foreign national must demonstrate that they are actively trying to gain legal resident status.

Q9. What is the definition of a dependent child?

Children qualify as dependants if they are under 22 years old and don't have a spouse or partner. Children 22 or older qualify as dependants if they have depended on their parents for financial support since before they were 22 and can't financially support themselves because of a mental or physical condition. This is consistent with the definition in section 2 of the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations*.

Q10. Will a traveller need to show any document to an officer to support and prove that he/she is an immediate family member? Will travellers need to show proof that they are coming in for 15 days or more?

Foreign nationals who are immediate family members of a Canadian citizen or permanent resident, but who fail to establish at time of entry that the purpose of their travel to Canada is to be with their immediate family member, or that they intend to remain in Canada for a period of at least 15 days, will not be allowed entry into Canada.

While it may not be required at time of processing, travellers are encouraged to have documentation that will demonstrate their relationship and length of stay, as well as any other information that may be relevant to substantiate how they meet the new exemption. The final decision rests with the border services officer, based on the information available to them at time of processing.

Q11. What is the definition of “tutor”?

Guardians and tutors are individuals who are responsible for caring for a foreign national minor who is living apart from a parent for an extended period of time, for example to attend a secondary school in Canada. The guardian or tutor should be able to demonstrate that they habitually reside at the same address as the minor.

Q12. Who covers the costs and logistics associated with the immediate family member's quarantine period?

All costs related to logistics and quarantining are the responsibility of the individual or family.

Q13: Do immediate family members entering Canada also need to follow provincial/territorial public health requirements?

Travellers should consult the respective provincial/territorial websites to ensure that they are aware of the provincial/territorial entry, quarantine and public health requirements and can abide by those requirements

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS / QUESTIONS ET RÉPONSES

Q1. Pourquoi ces mesures sont-elles modifiées maintenant?

Le gouvernement du Canada reconnaît les défis que cette pandémie et les mesures frontalières temporaires ont posés aux familles et a cherché à trouver des moyens de maintenir les familles ensemble pour soutenir l'unité familiale tout en respectant les contrôles mesurés de santé publique.

Q2. Les membres de la famille immédiate venant d'un autre pays que les États-Unis sont-ils autorisés à entrer pour des raisons discrétionnaires?

Les membres asymptomatiques de la famille immédiate de citoyens canadiens et de résidents permanents qui répondent à la définition de membre de la famille immédiate et qui viennent au Canada pour un minimum de 15 jours seront exemptés de l'interdiction d'entrer au Canada pour des raisons discrétionnaires.

Les membres asymptomatiques de la famille immédiate **doivent** se mettre en quarantaine pendant 14 jours. Les membres de la famille immédiate qui présentent des symptômes de la COVID-19 ne **seront pas** autorisés à entrer au Canada.

Q3. Les membres de la famille immédiate sont-ils dispensés de la quarantaine?

Les membres de la famille immédiate **doivent** se mettre en quarantaine pendant 14 jours.

Les membres de la famille immédiate devront confirmer qu'ils disposent d'un endroit approprié pour la mise en quarantaine où ils auront accès aux produits de première nécessité (tel que de la nourriture et des médicaments) et n'auront pas de contact avec des personnes vulnérables, comme les adultes âgés de 65 ans ou plus, et les personnes ayant des conditions médicales préexistantes, à moins que la personne vulnérable soit un adulte consentant ou soit le parent ou le mineur dans une relation parent-mineur. Les voyageurs devront prévoir le lieu de leur mise en quarantaine avant leur arrivée au Canada. Ils doivent s'assurer qu'ils connaissent les exigences provinciales en matière d'entrée, de quarantaine et de santé publique en consultant les sites Web provinciaux et territoriaux respectifs.

Q4. Ces mesures s'appliquent-elles aux résidents temporaires (c'est-à-dire aux étudiants ou aux travailleurs étrangers)?

Cette modification ne s'applique pas aux membres de la famille immédiate des résidents temporaires au Canada, comme ceux qui détiennent un visa d'étudiant ou de travail.

Q5. Le membre de la famille immédiate démontre-t-il qu'il vient au Canada pour une raison non discrétionnaire? A-t-il besoin d'une raison essentielle pour entrer au Canada?

Les membres de la famille immédiate de citoyens canadiens et de résidents permanents étrangers asymptomatiques seront exemptés de l'interdiction d'entrer au Canada pour une raison discrétionnaire s'ils entrent pour être avec le membre de leur famille immédiate pendant au moins 15 jours.

S'ils ne sont pas en mesure de prouver qu'ils entrent pour être avec le membre de leur famille immédiate, ou qu'ils seront au Canada pendant au moins 15 jours, ils ne pourront entrer que s'ils doivent effectuer un voyage non discrétionnaire ou non facultatif.

Les voyages des personnes en bonne santé qui doivent traverser la frontière pour se rendre au travail ou pour d'autres raisons non discrétionnaires, telles que les soins médicaux, se poursuivront.

Q6. Les membres de la famille immédiate peuvent-ils entrer pour moins de 14 jours?

Les membres asymptomatiques de la famille immédiate d'un citoyen canadien ou d'un résident permanent du Canada qui ont l'intention de rester au Canada pendant 14 jours ou moins peuvent toujours entrer au Canada, à condition que leur entrée ne soit pas effectuée dans un but discrétionnaire et que, s'ils cherchent à entrer depuis les États-Unis, ils peuvent se conformer à l'exigence de mise en quarantaine en fonction de l'objet de leur voyage et de la durée prévue de leur séjour.

Voici quelques exemples d'objectifs de voyage non discrétionnaires :

- passage à la frontière pour se rendre au travail ou poursuivre des études;
- services économiques et chaînes d'approvisionnement;
- soutien aux infrastructures essentielles;
- la santé (soins médicaux immédiats), la sûreté et la sécurité;
- achats de biens essentiels, tels que des médicaments ou des biens nécessaires, pour assurer la santé et la sécurité d'une personne ou d'une famille;
- autres activités à la discrétion de l'agent des services frontaliers (ASF).

Q7. Que se passe-t-il lorsqu'un conjoint étranger se présente, n'a pas de statut au Canada et a l'intention de rester indéfiniment au Canada?

Si un étranger voyage avec son conjoint citoyen canadien / résident permanent du Canada ou se joint à lui et indique qu'il vient pour une période de 2 semaines à 6 mois, il serait considéré comme un visiteur au Canada et pourrait recevoir un dossier de visiteur ou faire tamponner son passeport.

Q8. Que se passe-t-il lorsqu'un conjoint étranger se présente, n'a pas de statut au Canada et a l'intention de résider de façon permanente au Canada?

Lorsque le conjoint étranger d'un citoyen canadien ou d'un résident permanent arrive à un point d'entrée et indique son intention de résider de façon permanente au Canada, l'agent des services frontaliers peut appliquer le principe de la double intention de la *Loi sur l'immigration et la protection des réfugiés*.

La double intention selon la *Loi sur l'immigration et la protection des réfugiés* stipule que si un étranger a l'intention de devenir résident permanent du Canada (en faisant une demande légale de le faire), cela ne l'empêche pas de devenir un résident temporaire si l'agent est convaincu qu'ils quitteront le Canada à la fin de la période autorisée pour leur séjour.

L'agent des services frontaliers demandera au voyageur si la demande de résidence permanente a déjà été faite. Si ce n'est pas le cas, l'agent des services frontaliers avise le voyageur qu'il doit présenter sa demande dès que possible. L'agent des services frontaliers documentera également le voyageur sur un registre des visiteurs. Il est possible de prolonger le dossier des visiteurs pendant que l'étranger attend la finalisation de sa demande de résidence permanente. Ce n'est pas un processus sans fin, l'étranger doit démontrer qu'il essaie activement d'obtenir le statut de résident légal.

Q9. Quelle est la définition d'un enfant à charge?

Les enfants sont considérés comme des personnes à charge s'ils ont moins de 22 ans et n'ont pas de conjoint ou de partenaire. Les enfants âgés de 22 ans ou plus sont considérés comme des personnes à charge s'ils dépendent de leurs parents pour leur soutien financier depuis avant l'âge de 22 ans et ne peuvent pas subvenir à leurs propres besoins financiers en raison d'un état de santé mental ou physique. Cela est conforme à la définition que l'on retrouve dans l'article 2 du *Règlement sur l'immigration et la protection des réfugiés*.

Q10. Un voyageur devra-t-il présenter à un agent un document quelconque pour soutenir et prouver qu'il est un membre de sa famille immédiate? Les voyageurs devront-ils présenter une preuve qu'ils viennent pour 15 jours ou plus?

Les ressortissants étrangers qui sont membres de la famille immédiate d'un citoyen ou d'un résident permanent canadien, mais qui ne parviennent pas à établir, au moment de leur entrée, que le but de leur voyage au Canada est d'être avec le membre de leur famille immédiate, ou qu'ils ont l'intention de rester au Canada pendant une période d'au moins 15 jours, ne seront pas autorisés à entrer au Canada.

Bien que cela ne soit pas exigé au moment du traitement, les voyageurs sont encouragés à se munir de documents attestant de leur relation et de la durée de leur séjour, ainsi que de toute autre information pouvant être utile pour justifier qu'ils

satisfont à la nouvelle exemption. La décision finale revient à l'agent des services frontaliers sur la base des informations dont il dispose au moment du traitement.

Q11. Quelle est la définition d'un tuteur?

Les tuteurs sont des personnes qui sont responsables de s'occuper d'un ressortissant étranger d'âge mineur qui vit sans un parent pendant une longue période de temps, par exemple pour fréquenter une école secondaire au Canada. Le tuteur doit être en mesure de prouver qu'il réside habituellement à la même adresse que le mineur.

Q12. Qui couvre les coûts et la logistique associés à la période de quarantaine du membre de la famille immédiate?

Tous les frais liés à la logistique et à la quarantaine sont la responsabilité de la personne ou de la famille.

Q13. Est-ce que les membres de la famille immédiate entrant au Canada doivent également respecter les exigences de santé publique provinciales et territoriales?

Les voyageurs doivent consulter les sites Web des provinces et des territoires afin de s'assurer qu'ils connaissent les exigences provinciales et territoriales en matière d'entrée, de quarantaine et de santé publique et peuvent s'y conformer.

TELECONFERENCES OF PREMIERS AND FIRST MINISTERS

June 11, 2020

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- In B.C., Body Worn Camera Provincial Policing Standards have been in place since July 2019.

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Good morning,

I wanted to flag that the PM will announce today that we have come to an agreement with the US to roll over the current measures at the border for an additional 30 days.

Thanks.

Chris

Bonjour,

Je voulais vous aviser que le premier ministre annoncera ce matin que nous nous sommes entendu avec les É-U de garder les mesures frontalières en place pour un autre 30 jours.

Merci.

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TELECONFERENCES OF PREMIERS AND FIRST MINISTERS

June 25, 2020

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- PTs vary in their approaches to domestic travel:
 - On June 24, the Council of Atlantic Premiers announced an Atlantic Canada travel bubble. Starting July 3, interprovincial travel within the four provinces will be allowed without self-isolation. Other Canadians will be allowed to travel within the region only after 14 days' isolation. The Atlantic Premiers have discussed the possibility of opening to the rest of Canada in mid- to late-July.

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- Manitoba will allow non-residents from PTs with low infection rates to visit without the need to self-isolate.
- Nunavut and NWT borders remain closed to non-essential travel.
- Yukon-B.C. travel is set to resume as of July 1; however non-B.C. residents may not be aware that they will be turned away at the Yukon border even if they have a car with B.C. plates.

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Status of Border

- The Canada-U.S. agreement which closes the land border to non-essential traffic currently has an end date of July 21.
- Except for immediate family, Canada restricts all foreigners (including Americans) from visiting for non-essential travel via any mode of transportation. The U.S., however, only prohibits visitors if they have been in certain countries in the fourteen days prior. Accordingly, Canadians can currently travel to the U.S. by air with no complications.

Status of Bordering U.S. States

- Nearly half of all U.S. states are reporting a rise in coronavirus cases. On June 21, the United States recorded more than 25,000 new cases.
- The 23 states seeing a rise in new cases include Washington State, Idaho, Alaska and Montana. As of June 22:
 - Washington State: 28,680 cases (+11.02% week over week), 1,270 deaths
 - Idaho: 4,006 cases (+17.86%), 89 deaths
 - Alaska: 755 cases (+14.22%), 12 deaths
 - Montana: 743 cases (+26.4%), 21 deaths
- For the week of June 18 in King County, WA (home to Seattle), new cases increased 47% over the previous week.
- Following the recent wave of mass protests across the United States, public health officials are concerned about a spike in new cases in the coming weeks.

B.C./WA Comments on Border

- In recent press briefings, Minister Dix has reiterated the need to avoid travel to the U.S., stating that we must “hold the line” and “remain vigilant.” He and Dr. Henry continue to support the existing border restrictions.
- Given the discrepancy in cases between B.C. and Washington State, officials (including Governor Jay Inslee) have been sympathetic to B.C.’s position on the border.

B.C. Border Check Points

- B.C. has demobilized border checkpoints and amended the public health order requiring arrivals to provide a self-isolation plan.
- However, the requirement for a 14-day self-isolation plan is still in place and ServiceBC continues to make check-in calls to arrivals during the 14-day period.
- The federal government has introduced and is promoting “ArriveCAN,” a mobile app that can be used by travellers to Canada prior to arrival to reduce wait times at Canadian ports of entry and limit points of contact.

Issue: Alaska-bound travellers

- Under current rules, Americans may come through Canada to get home or get to work in Alaska, but they must travel along a direct path. When they need to stop for food or rest, they must stay away from the general population.
- Recently, RCMP ticketed seven American citizens who stopped for an extended period of time in Alberta’s Banff National Park. It is unknown whether any Americans have been cited in B.C. for similar contraventions.

Issue: Recreational boaters

- Since May, recreational boaters and operators of watercraft in B.C. and Washington State have been advised by local authorities, including Coast Guard, Armed Forces and border services agencies, to avoid unnecessary travel, continue to observe public health guidelines and proceed with common sense and good judgement if they choose to go on the water this spring and summer.
- Boaters traveling across the border for non-essential purposes, including recreation and tourism, will be turned around.
- Recreational boaters traveling to Alaska have been reminded that it is not appropriate to visit small communities on the B.C. coast. Boaters are advised to be self-sufficient as they may not be able to access fuel, supplies and other services on their trip.

Issue: Peace Arch Park

- Peace Arch Provincial Park was closed effective 8 p.m., Thursday, June 18.
- This temporary closure addresses the public safety and traffic concerns in neighbouring communities due to a significant increase in the number of park visitors.
- B.C. Parks consulted with RCMP, border officials and numerous local communities on the matter, and IGRS consulted with the Washington State Governor’s Office on the day of the announcement.
- The U.S. side of the park has not experienced similar over-crowding issues and currently remains open.

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Borders / International travel / Canada Border Services Agency

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Status of Bordering U.S. States

- As of July 6, 32 U.S. states are reporting a rise in coronavirus cases. On July 4, the United States recorded more than 45,000 new cases.
- The 32 states seeing a rise in new cases include Washington State, Idaho, Alaska and Montana. As of July 6:
 - Washington State: 35,898 cases (+13.06% week over week), 1,359 deaths
 - Idaho: 7,733 cases (+45.38%), 93 deaths
 - Alaska: 1,138 cases (+28.88%), 16 deaths
 - Montana: 1,327 cases (+44.4%), 23 deaths

Issue: Alaska-bound travellers

- Under current rules, Americans may come through Canada to get home or get to work in Alaska, but they must travel along a direct path. When they need to stop for food or rest, they must stay away from the general population.
- An ongoing issue of concern remains whether Americans are entering B.C. by claiming they are driving to Alaska but are vacationing either along the way or instead of going to their claimed destination.
- There have been numerous concerns from British Columbians about U.S. license plates spotted across the province.
- Some Canadians driving cars with U.S. license plates say they've endured vandalism and harassment from fellow Canadians convinced that they're Americans illegally in Canada.

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- Canadians continue to visit the American side of the park by crossing a shallow ditch along 0 avenue in South Surrey. Washington State Parks Commission is working with the U.S. Border Patrol to 'monitor the situation,' including asking visitors to stay two metres apart.
- RCMP and Canada Border Services Agency have confirmed they are taking no action, asserting that they do not have jurisdiction.

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British Columbia Provincial Restart:

- B.C. has moved into Phase 3 of restart.
- B.C. is moving between phases based on:
 - effectiveness of intervention measures in B.C. and elsewhere;
 - new scientific knowledge about COVID-19.

What B.C. is Watching to Ease Restrictions:

- 14-day incubation period: monitoring incubation periods in relation to policy changes, like opening up businesses;
- COVID-19 cases: tracking numbers of confirmed and recovered cases;
- New outbreaks: monitoring whether outbreaks are connected, including location, size and severity;
- What's happening elsewhere: noting how other jurisdictions respond to the pandemic.