

## September 11, 2020: COVID-19 Regional Update #70: AECO Operational Area

Country/Region	Svalbard	Greenland	Iceland	Arctic Canada
<b>Population</b>	2400  (Longyearbyen, Ny-Ålesund)	56,000	366,000	84,000  (Nunavut, NWT)
<b>Confirmed cases</b>  Source: <a href="https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html">https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html</a>	0  11,867 cases in Norway, number was 11,120 on the 4 <sup>th</sup> of September. 10,371 recovered	14, ( <b>14 recovered</b> )  19,353 cases in Denmark, number was 17,800 on the 4 <sup>th</sup> of September. 16,493 recovered	2157, ( <b>2072 recovered</b> )  Number was 2128 on the 4 <sup>th</sup> of September.	0 in Nunavut 5 in NWT  136,956 cases in Canada, number was 132,527 cases on the 4 <sup>th</sup> of September. 120,848 recovered
<b>Links to official health authorities' websites on the Covid-19</b>	<a href="#">The Norwegian Institute for Public Health</a>  <a href="#">The Norwegian Government</a>  <a href="#">The Governor of Svalbard</a>  <a href="#">Norwegian Foreign Ministry</a>	<a href="#">Greenland Chief Medical Officer official site on the Covid-19 situation</a>	<a href="#">The office of the Director of Public Health and the Civil Protection Department site on the Covid-19 situation in Iceland</a>	<a href="#">Department of Health for information on preventive measures</a>  <a href="#">Government of Canada for information on travel and related advisories</a>

## Latest updates from governments and national authorities

### Svalbard

- [Firmer rules for Svalbard](#) from September 3. A ban on cruise activity on Svalbard has been implemented. This does not apply to day cruises and cruises that start and finish in Svalbard, with up to 30 people on board. These regulations will initially last until November 1.
- The Norwegian government [recommends](#) to avoid any unnecessary travel abroad. [Updated](#) September 10.
-  [Changes in travel advice](#) from September 12. There have been reports of significantly increasing incidence in several countries and regions in the EU / EEA. The Norwegian government will therefore introduce entry quarantine requirements for travelers from additional countries in the EU / EEA, more countries change from yellow to red.
- Quarantine must be carried out on the mainland. [Info from Sysselmannen.](#)
- Norwegian authorities have revised the travel advice from August 19 following an increase in infections in many countries. Travelers from “red” areas must go in quarantine upon arrival to Norway. [See updated list here](#)
- Norway has passed temporarily new and more restrictive regulations for cruise operations in Svalbard, and along the Norwegian coast. We refer to mail sent out to members on August 6.

### Greenland

- Upon check-in one must show a maximum 5 day old negative Corona test, [updated](#) August 17.
- Greenland Government has updated the Executive Order on travel to Greenland and removed the exemptions for travelers from Iceland and Faroe Islands. [Link](#) (Danish)
- The Greenland Government announced further reopening by July 21. No limit to the number of travelers allowed to enter Greenland. All travelers must still fill in a SUMUT-form and test negative for Covid-19 no more than 5 days before arrival. Quarantine and re-test still required for vulnerable places, i.e. small towns, and settlements. Cruise vessels may not enter Greenland waters if they have visited a port in another country within 14 days before arrival to Greenland. [Link](#) (Danish). See Visit Greenland FAQ page [here](#).
- Information on travel to Greenland [Link](#).

### Iceland

-  Latest information on screening and infections at Iceland’s borders on September 10 [Link](#).
- Rules on screening, quarantine and isolation from August 18<sup>th</sup> [Link](#).
- Information for those travelling to Iceland [Link](#).

- Foreign nationals, who are neither [EU/EEA nor EFTA nationals](#), are not allowed to enter Iceland unless they can demonstrate that their travel is essential. See [link](#)

## Arctic Canada

-  COVID-19 GN Department of Health Update - September 8, [Link](#).
- Nunavut extends public health emergency - September 3, [Link](#).

## Travel advice and information from authorities

### Svalbard

- The Norwegian government [recommends](#) to avoid any unnecessary travel abroad.
- Changes to entry and quarantine [Link](#).
- As of July 15, Svalbard opens to those from several countries within the Schengen area and EEA. Updated August 31 [Link](#).
- Coastal cruises - infection prevention plans are mandatory (Gov. of Svalbard, [link](#)).
- Updates from the Norwegian Maritime Authority on the coronavirus [Link](#).
- The Norwegian Coastal Administration [The Coronavirus and Seagoing Traffic](#).
- Further links to travel advice [Link](#).
- Norway has passed temporarily new and more restrictive regulations for cruise operations in Svalbard, and along the Norwegian coast. We refer to mail sent out to members on August 6.
- From 15 July travel has reopened to and from Norway to certain European countries, as explained by the map in the [Link](#). There is now no requirement for quarantine after travel to these countries. If you arrive in Norway from a 'red' area on the map, you will need to quarantine. More on that [here](#).
- Latest [update](#) from Visit Svalbard updated August 31.
- Foreign/international charter flights to Svalbard are still not allowed. [Link](#)

### Greenland

- Travel to Greenland (English). Updated July 31. [Link](#).
- FAQ regarding the Greenland Reopening by Visit Greenland [Link](#)

- Requirements for entering Greenland [Link](#).
- Greenland Government announced new entry regulations from July 21 to December 31. Cruise vessels may not enter Greenland waters if they have visited a port in another country within 14 days before arrival to Greenland. [Link](#) (Danish). See Visit Greenland [translation of the press release in English here](#)

## Iceland

- Information from the Immigration Authorities regarding Covid-19. [Link](#)
- Information for travelers arriving in Iceland. [Link](#).
- The Director of health in Iceland guidelines and strategy plans for foreign vessels in Iceland if there is a risk of COVID-19 on board. Here is [a link of the Icelandic guidelines and response to COVID-19 for foreign vessels](#)
- ICELAND and COVID-19 according to Promote Iceland. [Link](#).

## Arctic Canada

- Temperature screening for air travel, backgrounder. [Link](#).
- Nunavut's Path: Moving forward during COVID-19 [Link](#).
- New measures for pleasure craft in northern communities. [Link](#) (May 14).
- An official global travel advisory is in effect: Avoid non-essential travel outside Canada until further notice. Avoid all travel on cruise ships until further notice. [Link](#).
- Given the limited public health capacity in Canada's Northern communities, the cruise ship season for vessels with Canadian Arctic stops will be deferred for the entire season this year. This would apply to cruise ships of all sizes.
- Source: Canadian Government and here's [the press release in its entire length](#)
- Season 2020 deferred, [Canadian Government source](#).  
Also refer to Transport Canada measures for commercial passenger vessels capable of carrying more than 12 pax, link [here](#).

## Additional links and news, AECO operational area and global

RUSSIA, THE MOSCOW TIMES: [Coronavirus in Russia September 11](#)

ICELAND, ICELAND MONITOR: [Icelanders to move one meter closer](#)

ICELAND, ICELAND MONTIOR: [Tenfold proportional increase in cases at border](#)

NUNAVUT, CANADA, NUNATSIAQ NEWS: [Nunavut aims to improve turnaround times for tests](#)

NUNAVUT, CANADA, NUNATSIAQ NEWS: [Travellers must continue a 14 day quarantine](#)

SEATRADE NEWS: [Cruise industry says it's safe and ready to sail from US](#)