

July 5, 2021: COVID-19 Regional Update #103: AECO Operational Area

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Quick summary

Iceland	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• People who present a vaccination certificate or a certificate of previous infection are allowed to enter the country.• Unnecessary traveling of people who don't live in Iceland, from high-risk countries is banned. Greenland and Faroe Islands are the only countries in the world that is not considered a high-risk area.• As a general rule, travelers must be pre-registered, present certificates, get tested upon arrival and go into quarantine.• Travelers who present a vaccination certificate or a certificate of previous infection only have to quarantine until negative result is obtained from the border testing.• Travelers who arrive from Greenland and have not stayed outside Greenland for the past 14 days are exempted from double testing and quarantine.• Iceland is open for cruise tourism under certain conditions.• Of the population aged 16+, 13% have received the first vaccine dose and 76% are fully vaccinated.
Greenland	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• From July 1, the number of inbound travelers on flight to Greenland is limited to 1000 passengers from Denmark and 60 passengers from Iceland per week.• 53% of the population have been vaccinated.• The Greenland Government has stated to Greenland media that a total reopening may depend on 75% of the adult population being vaccinated.• From July 1, travelers who are fully vaccinated are no longer required to home quarantine upon arrival in Greenland, and no longer need to get re-tested.• Since 2020, cruise vessels were banned from entering Greenland waters if they have visited a port in another country within 14 days before arrival to Greenland. The regulations for passenger vessels, including cruise vessels and pleasure crafts remain unchanged: "Passenger vessels, including cruise vessels and pleasure crafts may not enter Greenland

	waters if they within 14 days prior to arrival has called any non-Greenlandic port or in any way has taken persons onboard from these places.”
Norway/ Svalbard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strict restrictions on entry, registration, testing regime and mandatory quarantine hotel for most travelers. • Norway is open to travelers from green areas/countries and travelers who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or have undergone COVID-19 disease and can document this using a corona certificate issued by certain EU/EEA countries. These groups of travelers are also exempt from quarantine. • Effective June 20, cruises along the Norwegian coast and Svalbard will be permitted on certain conditions. • Please note that travel restrictions, quarantine requirements and documentation of vaccination status (corona certificates) may restrict operations involving passengers from outside Norway. • 66% of the adult population are partially vaccinated and 37% are fully vaccinated. • Travelers that have a quarantine obligation must carry out quarantine in mainland Norway before traveling to Svalbard.
Arctic Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel is severely restricted. For foreign nationals, entry is permitted only under certain travel exemptions for essential visits. • Travelers who have previously tested positive for COVID-19 must provide proof of a positive COVID-19 molecular test conducted between 14 and 90 days prior to departure, instead of a negative COVID-19 molecular test. • Before traveling to Nunavut, travelers must carry out a mandatory isolation period in designated Canadian cities. • Beginning June 14, fully vaccinated travelers will no longer be required to isolate either before entering Nunavut or once in-territory. Fully vaccinated parents travelling with non-vaccinated children will still be required to isolate. • Interim orders that essentially ban Arctic expedition cruising are in place until February 28, 2022.
Russia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AECO has not been able to find official information about the status of cruising in the Russian Arctic National Park. • Russia is only issuing visas to a limited number of nationalities.
Alaska/ Global	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The US CDC has issued a Framework for Conditional Sailing Order for Cruise Ships. As of now, no date has been set for trial voyages under this regime. • On May 5, the CDC released Technical Instructions for Simulated Voyages by Cruise Ship Operators under CDC’s Framework for Conditional Sailing Order. • 24.05.21, President Joe Biden signed into law the Alaska Tourism Restoration Act to permit foreign-flagged cruise ships to operate cruises to Alaska in 2021.

News of interest

[Test Cruise Update and Schedule from Royal Caribbean International](#)
[CDC Approves Additional Cruises, but Disney Postpones Over COVID Tests](#)
[Nunavik tourism reopening reason for optimism, vaccination uptake still a concern](#)



New information (new requirements and old requirements previously not included in the overview) is marked in red.

Country/region Outbreak and vaccination status	Entry requirements, official travel recommendations, cruise regulations
Iceland	
<p>Population: 366,000</p> <p>OUTBREAK STATUS:</p> <p>6664 cases, up from 6 637 on June 29.</p> <p>VACCINATION STATUS: As of July 5, 223 719 are fully vaccinated and 38 332 individuals have received at least one dose. Of the population aged 16+, 13% have received the first vaccine dose and 76% are fully vaccinated. Source.</p> <p>TYPE OF VACCINE CURRENTLY APPROVED:</p> <p>Pfizer-BioNtech vaccine Moderna vaccine AstraZeneca vaccine J&J Janssen COVID-19 vaccine</p> <p>Source: Icelandic Medicines Agency.</p> <p>Links to official COVID-19 information</p>	<p>ENTRY RESTRICTIONS: People who present a vaccination certificate or a certificate of previous infection are allowed to enter the country. Unnecessary traveling of people who don't live in Iceland, from high-risk countries is banned. This ban is in place until May 31. It is unclear whether the ban will be extended. The ban does not apply to foreign nationals who are able to show a certificate of vaccination or a certificate that they have had COVID-19 and are no longer infectious. Link. AECO has been informed by NAA that the ban does not apply to vessel crew, since they are considered to be traveling to Iceland for essential reasons. Travelers who arrive from Greenland and have not stayed outside Greenland for the past 14 days are exempted from double testing and quarantine. Link.</p> <p>TESTING AND QUARANTINE: A negative PCR test certificate against COVID-19 must be presented. Rapid antigen tests are not valid. The test must have been taken within 72 hours before departure on the first leg of the journey. Passengers with an approved vaccination certificate or a certificate of previous infection do not need a PCR test. Everybody must undergo testing on arrival to Iceland. This includes children, those who have been vaccinated and those who have already had COVID-19. Everyone should quarantine, but passengers who present a vaccination certificate or a certificate of previous infection only need to be quarantined until a negative result is obtained from the border testing. If you don't get a message within 24 hours the result is negative. Those who do not present a vaccination certificate or a certificate of previous infection at the border must quarantine for five days and go for another test at the end of quarantine. AECO has been informed by NAA that a cruise vessel where all persons on board are vaccinated can sail directly to port in Iceland</p>

[The office of the Director of Public Health and the Civil Protection Department site on the Covid-19 situation in Iceland](#)
[Information about travel restrictions](#)
[Official Q&A for travelers](#)

Vaccination for temporary workers

Iceland [has announced](#) that employees of foreign origin who stay in Iceland for a longer or shorter period of time are welcome to get vaccinated once they have been registered. Cruise crew/staff may be eligible for this. Please see Directorate of Health's [information about vaccination of employees / residents of foreign origin](#) the [and the vaccination schedule information page](#) of the Primary Care of the Capital Area for details.

without observing the 14 -day quarantine requirement. 14.06.21 Iceland announced that they will retain the current border measures until 1 July. After that time, the measures will be relaxed by cease the screening of those who present a certificate of vaccination or prior infection with COVID-19. Additionally, children will no longer be screened for COVID-19 upon arrival in Iceland. [Link](#).

REGISTRATIONS: All travelers are under obligation to complete a [pre-registration form](#) for visiting Iceland.

RULES/RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OWN CITIZENS: People living in Iceland are strongly advised against unnecessary travel to high-risk areas due to COVID-19. Greenland and Faroe Islands are the only countries in the world that is not considered a high-risk area.

CRUISE REGULATIONS

The Directorate of Health in Iceland has published [instructions](#) for foreign vessels in Iceland if there is a risk of COVID-19 on board.

Iceland has implemented exemptions from COVID-19 border controls for ship crews. Information about these exemptions is available in Icelandic [here](#).

TEST AVAILABILITY

Testing upon arrival is free of charge, but travelers/operators are responsible for booking and paying for tests needed by outbound travelers. PCR tests services are available and there is now a provider ([Arctic Therapeutics](#)) that offers rapid testing (antigen testing) where the result are obtained after 12 minutes. According to NAA, rapid tests are available in Keflavik Airport and Reykjavik, and may be made available in other locations at a later stage. Due to the logistics and costs connected with buying tests from local providers, NAA recommends that those to have the capacity to test outbound guests themselves do so, provided that the results will be accepted by the country that the guest is travelling to.

WHERE SHOULD QUESTIONS BE DIRECTED?

NAA has informed AECO that the most effective way of posing questions regarding Iceland's COVID-19 policies is to use the contact form on Iceland's official COVID-19 information website, <https://www.covid.is/english>. You will find the contact/chat form at the bottom right corner of the screen, in a tab marked "Skilja eftir skilaboð" ("Leave a message"). Please note that this text will be in Icelandic even is you opt for the English version of the website. Opening hours for the chat are

	<p>between 10-12 and 13-17 on weekdays, Fridays to 16. Outside opening hours, someone will respond to your inquiry at the first available opportunity.</p>
<p>Greenland</p>	
<p>Population: 56,000</p> <p>OUTBREAK STATUS:</p> <p>1 active cases in Greenland (51 cases since pandemic started)</p> <p>VACCINATION STATUS: As of June 25, 30,169 have received the first dose, 13,478 have received first and second dose. 53% of the population have been vaccinated.</p> <p>TYPE OF VACCINE CURRENTLY APPROVED: Cominarty from BioNTec/Pfizer and Moderna are both approved and distributed in Greenland.</p> <p>The AstraZeneca vaccine was removed from the vaccination program due to side effects.</p> <p>J&J Janssen COVID-19 vaccine was removed from the vaccination program due to side effects.</p> <p>Links to official COVID-19 information</p> <p>Government of Greenland information site about COVID-19</p> <p>Greenland Chief Medical Officer official site on the Covid-19 situation</p> <p>Other resources</p>	<p>Current travel restrictions in Greenland are valid from July 1 to September 1, 2021.</p> <p>ENTRY RESTRICTIONS: From July 1, the number of inbound travelers on flight to Greenland is limited to 1000 passengers from Denmark and 60 passengers from Iceland per week. Persons who show symptoms of COVID-19 or lack the correct documentation will be rejected at the check-in and prevented from boarding their flight to Greenland.</p> <p>ENTRY REGISTRATON: All persons travelling to Greenland fill out the online Sumut form before arrival.</p> <p>TESTING: All travelers to Greenland must present a negative PCR test no more than 72 hours old prior to arrival. The test must be carried out by a public clinic in a Nordic country. Link.</p> <p>QUARANTINE: Inbound travelers must quarantine for 14 days or get tested on day 5 and remain in quarantine until they get a negative test result. Link. Quarantine is only allowed in specific towns. Travel to other towns or settlements is prohibited until the traveler is documented free of COVID-19. Link. From June 1, fully vaccinated travelers arriving by air will no longer have to go to a 5-day quarantine before re-testing but may re-test the day after arrival. Arriving travelers must still go to quarantine until the re-test result is ready (see §11,2 of the travel regulations). From July 1, travelers who are fully vaccinated are no longer required to home quarantine upon arrival in Greenland, and no longer need to get re-tested. Link.</p> <p>CRUISE REGULATIONS</p> <p>On May 5, 2021, Greenland published regulations on conditions for travels to and in Greenland. § 6 Persons on board a vessel that has not called on a port outside Greenland nor received passengers from outside Greenland within 14 days of arrival in Greenland, are considered to be free of COVID-19 unless the person displays symptoms. Passenger vessels, including cruise vessels and pleasure crafts, may not arrive in Greenland if they have called on a port outside Greenland or received passengers from outside Greenland within 14 days of arrival in Greenland. Link. The regulations for passenger vessels including cruise vessels and pleasure crafts remain unchanged as of 28.06.21 (see §6 of the travel regulations: “Passenger vessels, including cruise vessels and pleasure crafts may not enter Greenland waters if they within 14 days prior to arrival has called any non-Greenlandic port or in any way has taken persons onboard from these places.”</p>

Visit Greenland – Status of COVID-19 in Greenland	
NORWAY AND SVALBARD	
<p>Population: 2400 (Longyearbyen, Ny-Ålesund)</p> <p>OUTBREAK STATUS</p> <p>0 cases in Svalbard. 131,945 cases in Norway (up from 130,270 on June 29)</p> <p>VACCINATION STATUS: As of June 14, 2,817,414 (66%) have received the first dose and 1,567,667 (37%) have received two doses. Link.</p> <p>Vaccinations in Svalbard: Vaccination of permanent residents in Svalbard will be prioritized. Link. April 8, mass vaccination started for permanent Svalbard residents who are aged 45 and over or are in the age 18-75 and have a pre-existing condition. Link. The Moderna vaccine will be used in Svalbard. Link. According to a news story from 28.05.21, 90% of the adult population of Svalbard are expected to be fully vaccinated by mid-June.</p> <p>TYPE OF VACCINE CURRENTLY APPROVED: Moderna vaccine (conditional EU approval 06.01.21)</p> <p>BioNTec/Pfizer vaccine (conditional EU approval 21.12.20).</p>	<p>ENTRY RESTRICTIONS: The main rule is that only foreigners residing in Norway can enter Norway, and all Norwegian citizens (regardless of where they live). Foreigners residing in green areas/countries can travel to Norway if they have only stayed in green areas for the last 10 days before entering Norway. Link. List of green countries can be found here. Foreigners who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or have undergone COVID-19 disease during the last six months can travel to Norway if they can document this in a verifiable way. Link. (See "Cruise Regulations" for details on accepted documentation). Seafarers are also permitted to enter Norway. Link. In a press conference 05.07.21, Norway has announced that in the end of July, the government will assess whether entry restrictions can be eased further. Norway is planning to ease entry restrictions to allow work trips (including independent contractors and service providers) that fall under EEA regulations, with the exceptions of those traveling from "dark red" countries or areas. It has not yet been decided when this will happen. Link.</p> <p>Svalbard: A negative result on the corona test taken within 24 hours before departure is required, with some exceptions. The test must be completed on the mainland. Approved test method is PCR or antigen rapid test, in accordance with § 9a of the Norwegian COVID-19 regulations. The requirement does not apply to people who can document that they are fully vaccinated or qualify for the "protected" status, or children under 12 years of age. People who arrive Svalbard by boat are also exempted, unless they are required to get tested in accordance with § 10a of the COVID-19 regulations (cruise passengers who cannot document that they are vaccinated/protected).</p> <p>TESTING: Persons traveling to Norway must take a test for the coronavirus upon arrival. Link. As a general rule, travellers to Norway must present documentation of a negative test for the coronavirus taken less than 24 hours prior upon entry. Persons who are fully vaccinated or have had COVID-19 during the previous six months, as documented via the Norwegian COVID-19 certificate at helsenorge.no, or European COVID-19 certificate, are exempt from this requirement. Link.</p> <p>QUARANTINE, EXEMPTIONS DUE TO VACCINE/IMMUNITY: Anyone returning from a red area or country must as a rule of thumb stay in quarantine for 10 days after the date of their arrival in Norway. Those that are fully vaccinated, have had COVID-19 and travelers from countries or areas referred to as green countries or areas are exempt from travel quarantine. Link.</p>

[AstraZeneca vaccine](#) (conditional EU approval 29.01.21).

Links to official COVID-19 information

[The Norwegian Institute for Public Health](#)

[The Norwegian Government](#)

[The Governor of Svalbard](#)

[Norwegian Foreign Ministry](#)

Svalbard: Anyone arriving in Norway who is subject to quarantine need to complete their full quarantine period in mainland Norway prior to travelling on to Svalbard. [Link](#).

ENTRY REGISTRATON: All persons travelling to Norway must [register](#) prior to crossing the border. This also applies to Norwegian citizens, **but not to people who are fully vaccinated and people who have recovered from COVID-19 during the past 6 months**. The purpose of registration is to ensure compliance with the duty to quarantine, to strengthen infection control and to contribute to improved contact tracing – and thereby limit import infection. Travelers must register prior to their arrival in Norway and may only register their journey within 72 hours of their time of arrival. Source: [Norwegian Government webpage - Travel to Norway](#)

RULES/RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OWN CITIZENS:

With effect from 5 July, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will rescind its official travel advice for the EEA/Schengen area and the United Kingdom as well as countries on the EU's third-country 'safe list' that the Norwegian Institute of Public Health also views as safe. [Link](#).

CRUISE REGULATIONS:

Effective June 20, cruises along the Norwegian coast and Svalbard will be permitted on certain conditions. [Link](#). Please note that travel restrictions, quarantine requirements and documentation of vaccination status (corona certificates) may restrict operations involving passengers from outside Norway.

See also information from the Governor of Svalbard [here](#). All actors offering tourism activities in Svalbard must operate in a responsible manner to prevent covid-19 infection, in accordance with the national requirements for infection control that follow from law, regulations, and national guidelines. Central provisions in the regulation of tourism and coastal cruises in Svalbard is FOR-2020-03-27-470 (covid-19 regulations) §§ 9, 9a, 10a, 11a and 11b (available [here](#) in Norwegian language only). It is no longer required that the tourism companies present an infection control plan to the Governor of Svalbard. The guidelines that were created for land-based tourism and coastal cruises in Svalbard in 2020 have been repealed. Companies that offer coastal cruises in Svalbard must, however, sign and submit a self-declaration to the Governor, available [here](#).

The maximum number of people on board depends on whether passengers and crew are protected and can document this. The documentation that is approved follows from [Appendix D](#) to the covid-19 regulations. As of 28.06.21, the approved documentation is a corona certificate issued by Norway, Sweden or Denmark with a QR code that can be verified by the Norwegian authorities; or corona certificate according to [the EU Digital COVID certificate](#) rules. An updated list of corona certificates that are accepted by Norway can be found [here](#).

	<p>Coastal cruises in Svalbard can have up to 90% capacity utilization. The Governor has informed AECO by email that this means that a vessel with a passenger capacity of 12 pax can have up to 10 passengers.</p> <p>PLEASURE CRAFT REGULATIONS</p> <p>Effective June 21 until September 30, 2021, pleasure crafts that arrive in Norway will be subject to regular border controls and the same testing and quarantine regulations as travelers by car or airplane. Travelers that arrive in Norway from abroad must arrive in a designated border passing port. These are: Hammerfest, Tromsø, Bodø, Trondheim, Ålesund, Bergen, Stavanger, Kristiansand, Sandefjord, Oslo Port and Halden/Sponvika. See press release and the relevant regulation.</p> <p>The regulation in question is available in Norwegian here: https://lovdata.no/dokument/LTI/forskrift/2021-06-18-2022</p> <p>MARITIME REGULATIONS</p> <p>Updates from the Norwegian Maritime Authority regarding the coronavirus can be found here: Link. Norwegian COVID-19 protocols with regards to crew change on ships are available here: Link.</p> <p>The Norwegian Coastal Administration’s information page about The Coronavirus and Seagoing Traffic. Link. Norwegian Institute of Public Health information regarding the handling of COVID-19 on vessels, and planning of cruise activities. Link (Norwegian only).</p> <p>Quarantine rules for seafarers: On 21.05.21, Norway announced exceptions from quarantine hotels for seafarers who come to Norway to work on ships. The changes mean that seafarers who arrive in Norway to work on vessels in a Norwegian port can carry out the entry quarantine in accordance with the rules in the covid-19 regulations § 6h. This group can, for example, carry out the quarantine on board the vessel in a single cabin or at a suitable place of residence approved by the Norwegian Labor Inspection Authority. Furthermore, they can start working on the vessel after no earlier than three days (assuming two negative tests), cf. section 6h first paragraph, but must then be in the entry quarantine in their free time.</p>
Arctic Canada	
<p>Population: 84,000 (Nunavut, NWT)</p> <p>OUTBREAK STATUS:</p> <p>0 active vases in Nunavut (657 cases since pandemic started)</p>	<p>ENTRY RESTRICTIONS: Canada has put in place travel restrictions that limit travel to Canada. Until further notice, most foreign nationals cannot travel to Canada. This online tool assist travelers who want to know if they may enter Canada. For foreign nationals, entry is permitted only under certain travel exemptions for essential visits, as defined here. Air travelers must verify that they comply with the requirements of the Flying to Canada checklist.</p>

1 active in NWT (171 cases since pandemic started)

6159 active cases in Canada
1,416,969 cases since pandemic started)

VACCINATION STATUS:

Canada: [According to the Government of Canada](#), Everyone who lives in Canada will have access to a safe, effective and free COVID-19 vaccine in 2021.

Nunavut: As of June 28, 21,033 people (72% of population aged 12+) have received the first dose, 16,111 have received two doses (55% of population aged 12+). [Link](#).

From June 15, Nunavut youth aged 12 to 17 will be offered the Pfizer vaccine. [Link](#).

Northwest Territories: Of the adult population, 72% are partially vaccinated, 66% are fully vaccinated, as of July 5. [Link](#).

TYPE OF VACCINE CURRENTLY APPROVED:

- Pfizer-BioNtech vaccine
- Moderna vaccine
- AstraZeneca vaccine
- Janssen COVID-19 vaccine

Links to official COVID-19 information

[Department of Health for information on preventive measures](#)

[Government of Canada for information on travel and related advisories](#)

TESTING AND QUARANTINE: All travelers entering Canada, regardless of citizenship and vaccination status, must follow testing and quarantine requirements. All travelers 5 years of age or older, regardless of citizenship, must provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test result, taken within 72 hours of the scheduled departure time. Travelers arriving in Canada must take a test before leaving the airport. They must book and pay for a 3-night hotel stopover before arriving in Canada and stay there while they await arrival test results. Travelers must complete a minimum of 14 days of quarantine in a suitable location and do a Day-8 home test. [Link](#).

RULES CONNECTED TO VACCINE/PREVIOUS INFECTION: As of 18.05.21, all travelers, regardless of vaccination status, must follow entry restrictions, testing or quarantine. [Link](#). There are some exemptions for travelers who have recently recovered from COVID-19 and have proof of a positive COVID-19 molecular test taken between 14 to 90 days before travel. [Link](#). Beginning June 14, fully vaccinated travelers will no longer be required to isolate either before entering Nunavut or once in-territory. Fully vaccinated parents travelling with non-vaccinated children will still be required to isolate. [Link](#).

QUARANTINE: Traveler who can enter Canada and have no symptoms, must quarantine for a minimum of 14 days. When flying into Canada, the quarantine period includes a mandatory 3 night pre-paid booking at a government-authorized hotel at the travelers own cost. [Link](#).

Nunavut: Prior to boarding a plane into the territory, residents will undergo a mandatory 14-day isolation period in either Ottawa, Winnipeg, Edmonton or Yellowknife. At the end of the 14 days, asymptomatic residents will be cleared and provided a letter signed by the Chief Public Health Officer allowing them to return to their home community. This also includes medical travel patients. All non-residents, with the exception of GN new hires, must contact cphotravelrequests@gov.nu.ca to receive approval to enter into the Territory. Source: [Government of Nunavut](#).

Northwest Territories: Those who do not have an exemption under the public health order, or have not been granted one for exceptional circumstances, are not allowed to travel within the Northwest Territories. Everyone is required to complete a self-isolation plan, and with few exceptions, to mandatorily self-isolate for 14 days in Yellowknife, Inuvik, Hay River or Fort Smith only. Source: [Government of NWT](#).

REGISTRATION: All travelers are required to provide contact and quarantine information upon and after entry into Canada using [ArriveCAN](#).

RULES/RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OWN CITIZENS:

Canada: Official Global Travel Advisories state: Avoid non-essential travel outside Canada until further notice and Avoid all cruise ship travel outside Canada until further notice. [Link](#).

<p>Government of Northwest Territories COVID-19 information page</p> <p>Government of Nunavut COVID-19 information page</p>	<p>CRUISE REGULATIONS:</p> <p>Canada is advising Canadian citizens and permanent residents to avoid all travel on cruise ships outside Canada until further notice.</p> <p>On Feb 4, Canada announced two new Interim Orders, which prohibit pleasure craft in Canadian Arctic waters and cruise vessels in all Canadian waters until February 28, 2022. This means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adventure-seeking pleasure craft are still prohibited from entering Arctic waters. • Passenger vessels carrying more than 12 people are still prohibited from entering Arctic coastal waters, including Nunatsiavut, Nunavik, and the Labrador Coast. • Cruise vessels carrying more than 100 people are still prohibited from operating in Canadian waters. <p>COVID-19 measures, updates, and guidance for marine transportation issued by Transport Canada are published here.</p> <p>Note that the guidance respecting the entry requirements of vessel crew members and non-crew marine sector workers into Canada provided in Ship Safety Bulletin # 03/2021 continues to apply.</p>
<p>Russia</p>	
	<p>Official Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation information page about COVID-19 (Russian only)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latest Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation announcements regarding COVID-19: https://covid19.rosminzdrav.ru/news/ (Russian only) • List of nationalities that Russia is currently issuing visas to. Link. <p>Russian government information page about COVID-19: http://government.ru/support_measures/ (Russian only)</p>
<p>Alaska/other/global</p>	
	<p>WORLD: The International Air Transport Association (IATA) is planning to launch a digital Covid Travel Pass. The Travel Pass is a mobile app that aims to inform passengers on what tests, vaccines and other measures they require prior to travel, details on where they can get tested and give them the ability to share their tests and vaccination results in a verifiable, safe and privacy-protecting manner.</p>

	<p>In an interim position paper published 05.02.21, the World Health Organization recommends that vaccinated travelers shouldn't be exempted from entry and quarantine requirements at the present time. Link.</p> <p>USA: The US CDC issued the US CDCR - Framework for Conditional Sailing Order for Cruise Ships. This Order shall remain in effect until the earliest of the expiration of the Secretary of Health and Human Services' declaration that COVID-19 constitutes a public health emergency, the CDC Director rescinds or modifies the order based on specific public health or other considerations, or November 1, 2021. On April 2, the CDC released technical guidelines for cruise ships seeking to operate under CDC's Framework for Conditional Sailing Order. On May 5, the CDC released Technical Instructions for Simulated Voyages by Cruise Ship Operators under CDC's Framework for Conditional Sailing Order.</p> <p>24.05.21, the Maritime Executive reported that President Joe Biden signed into law the Alaska Tourism Restoration Act to permit foreign-flagged cruise ships to operate cruises to Alaska in 2021. The act provides a waiver of the U.S. cabotage laws. The measure goes to the U.S. House for approval before it can be sent to President Joe Biden for his signature. The Alaska Tourism Recovery Act will allow cruise ships to sail to Alaska without requiring that they stop in Canada, as the U.S. law normally would require. (Non-official source: GCaptain).</p> <p>Vaccines in Alaska: The COVID-19 vaccine is now available for anyone living or working in Alaska who is age 16 or older. According to the State of Alaska website (link), appointments are limited, but more appointments open regularly. According to this vaccination dashboard, 53% percent of Alaskans have received the first vaccine dose, while 47 % are fully vaccinated, as of 17.05.21.</p> <p>EU: EMSA and ECDC issue the first revision of their COVID-19 Guidance for Cruise Ship Operations on May 12, 2021. Link.</p>
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Log of recent updates, regulations and travel advice from governments and national authorities

Iceland

- 2021-06-14 Border screening of vaccinated travelers stopped after 1 July. [Link](#).
- 2021-06-04 Interoperable European COVID-19 vaccination certificate for travelers. [Link](#).

- 2021-05-27 Amended rules on staying in quarantine facilities entering into force on the 31st of May. [Link](#).
- 2021-05-21 Border measures extended to 15th of June. [Link](#).
- 2021-04-27 Iceland issues a regulation banning unnecessary travel from specified high-risk areas, valid until the end of May. [Link](#).
- 2021-04-23 Iceland announced stricter requirements for quarantine of arriving passengers coming from high-risk areas. [Link](#).
- 2021-04-20 Iceland announced temporary introduction of stricter border measures. [Link](#).
- 2021-03-30 Iceland announced amended rules at the border related to testing and quarantine. [Link](#).
- 2021-03-23 Iceland announced Stricter COVID-19 measures at the Icelandic border. [Link](#).
- 2021-02-23 Iceland announces significant easing of domestic restrictions. [Link](#).
- 2021-02-16 Travelers required to present negative PCR test before boarding. [Link](#).
- 2021-01-29 The AstraZeneca vaccine received a conditional EU approval and is thereby also approved for use in Iceland. [Link](#).
- 2021-01-18 Iceland published the latest information on screening and infections at Iceland's borders [Link](#).
- 2021-01-15 Iceland [announced](#) that current testing regime for arriving passengers remain in place until 1 May, when cautious steps will be taken to ease restrictions, based on the epidemiological situation at passenger's point of departure. The option to choose a 14-day quarantine instead of screening will however be removed.
- 2020-11-18 Iceland announced that testing of travelers for COVID-19 at Iceland's borders is to be free of charge, on a temporary basis, from 1 December 2020 until 31 January 2021. [Link](#).
- 2020-11-05 Iceland announced that foreign nationals staying in Iceland that have been unable to return to their home countries due to travel restrictions, quarantine or isolation were given permission to stay without a residence permit or visa until 10 November 2020. The permission to stay without a residence permit or visa will not be extended again and such stays beyond 10 November 2020 may result in an expulsion. See [link](#).
- 2020-09-14 The Directorate of Health in Iceland published [instructions](#) for foreign vessels in Iceland if there is a risk of COVID-19 on board.
- Information about Iceland and COVID-19 by Visit Iceland. [Link](#).

Greenland

- 2021-06-26 Greenland discontinues quarantine for fully vaccinated travelers from July 1, 2021. [Link](#).
- 2021-05-21 Greenland published an executive order on conditions for travel to and in Greenland. [Link](#).
- 2021-05-03 Greenland ends government flights and allows entry with number limitations. [Link](#).
- 2021-05-03 Greenland published regulations on conditions for travels to an in Greenland. [Link](#).
- 2021-03-29 Greenland published an update on vaccination plans. [Link](#).
- 2021-03-31 Greenland launches a landing page for information related to COVID-19 in Greenland: <https://corona.nun.gl/>.
- 2021-01-27 Government regulated flights will be continued all of February. It is possible to apply for permission to enter the country in the period February 1 – 28. [Link](#).
- 2021-01-27 Quarantine rules for people who have been in contact with persons who have tested positive for COVID-19 are stricter than travel quarantine and may only leave quarantine after a negative test on day 14. [Link](#).

- 2021-01-29 The AstraZeneca vaccine received a conditional EU approval and is thereby also approved for use in Denmark. [Link](#).
- 2021-01-21 Travelers to Greenland must get tested for COVID-19 before travelling to Greenland. The test must be negative cannot be older than 3 days (72 hours). [Link](#).
- 2021-01-15 Visit Greenland updated their [FAQ page](#).
- 2021-01-01 Greenland announced that Greenland [was closed for all entry](#) Jan 1 – 12, 2021, with the exception of certain professionals that are employed in critical society functions.
- 2020-11-06 Effective Monday November 9, Greenland's airspace is closed, meaning that only flights to and from Copenhagen are allowed. Some flights are excepted, such as emergency flights. The press release states that the duration of this measure is yet to be determined. [Link](#) (Danish)
- 2020-09-29 The Greenland Government has updated the Executive Order on travel to Greenland of September 29, 2020. [Link](#) (Danish)
- 2020-07-16 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).

Svalbard

- 2021-06-23 Norway is connecting to the EU Digital COVID certificate (EUDCC) gateway [Link](#).
- 2021-06-18 Changes to infection control measures for travel operations in Svalbard and for cruises along the Norwegian coast. [Link](#).
- 2021-06-18 Norway announced easing on entry restrictions. [Link](#).
- 2021-06-11 Arrival in Norway and exemption from quarantine: rules for travellers arriving in Norway [Link](#).
- 2021-06-11 Norway passes corona certificate law. [Link](#).
- 2021-05-21 Norway announces that all travelers from high risk areas in UK and EEA must quarantine in a hotel, even for necessary travel. [Link](#).
- 2021-05-21 Norway approves regulations to implement av corona certificate. [Link](#), [link](#).
- 2021-05-21 Norway announced that Norway will move to phase 2 of its reopening plan on May 27. [Link](#).
- 2021-05-21 Norway [announced](#) exceptions from quarantine hotels for seafarers who come to Norway to work on ships.
- 2021-04-20 Tightened entry restrictions to remain in force until further notice. [Link](#).
- 2021-04-19 Children under the age of 12 must also take a test at the border. [Link](#).
- 2021-04-16 Norway announced that a simplified COVID-19 certificate app will be launched in May and the complete EU compliant version will be launched in June. It has not yet been decided what the certificate app will be used for. [Link](#).
- 2021-04-09 Norway announced that the legal provision that allows Norway to impose mandatory quarantine hotel will be extended until November 10, 2021. [Link](#).
- 2021-03-30 Governor of Svalbard announced that that COVID-19 tests will be free of charge for permanent residents of Svalbard travelling to Svalbard. [Link](#).
- 2021-03-27 Norway announces changes in testing and quarantine requirements for seafarers. Crew coming to Norway to work on vessels must be tested several times and onboard quarantine must be carried out in a single cabin. Details are found in this announcement (Norwegian only): [Link](#).
- 2021-03-26 The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has extended its [travel advice](#) cautioning against non-essential travel to all countries. This advice is valid until May 15 and may be extended beyond that date. [Link](#).

- 2021-03-26 The Governor of Svalbard announced that mass vaccination will start April 8 of permanent Svalbard residents who are aged 45 and over or are in the age 18-75 and have a pre-existing condition. [Link](#).
- 2021-03-26 Norway prologues the temporary law on entry restrictions for foreigners for reasons of public health. [Link](#).
- 2021-03-15 Norway announces a hearing in a proposal to extend legal requirements connected to location for carrying out entry quarantine. [Link](#).
- 2021-03-19 Norway announced that they will prioritize vaccines for permanent residents in Svalbard. [Link](#).
- 2021-03-12 The government further tightened non-Norwegian citizens' entitlement to enter Norway. [Link](#). Norway also announced that Norwegian citizens returning from abroad after non-essential travel will no longer be permitted to quarantine in a suitable location of their choosing but must check into a quarantine hotel. [Link](#).
- 2021-02-24 Norway announces that rules connected to quarantine hotels will be tightened. [Link](#) (Norwegian only)
- 2021-02-19 Norwegian government specified that there is no recommendations against Norwegian residents traveling to Svalbard for leisure, although Norwegian health authorities recommend avoiding all unnecessary travel within Norway. [Link](#) (Norwegian only).
- 2021-02-19 Norway announced stricter rules upon arrival in Norway. [Link](#).
- 2021-02-12 Norway announced the introduction of legal basis for expelling foreigners who violate testing and registration requirements upon entry in Norway. [Link](#).
- 2021-02-10 The government extends the tightened restrictions on entry into Norway that were introduced on 29 January, with some minor adjustments. [Link](#).
- 2021-02-09 The global travel advice against non-essential travel to all countries will be extended to apply until 15 April 2021. [Link](#).
- 2021-02-08 Government announced a hearing for a proposal to extend the Interim Act relating to entry restrictions for foreign nationals out of concern for public health. The Interim Act was originally valid until June 1, 2021. Under the new proposal, the statutory provisions shall apply until 31 December 2021. In the [press release](#), the Government states: "It is uncertain how long the need will be for the use of entry restrictions related to the covid-19 pandemic. It is not a given that we will have entry restrictions until December 2021. The duration of the entry restrictions must be assessed continuously, in line with the development of infection. The entry restrictions can therefore be lifted earlier if the situation so requires." [Link](#).
- 2021-02-04 Government announced that no changes will currently be made to the strict requirements for coastal cruises along the Norwegian coast and on Svalbard. A new assessment will be made during the spring, or if significant changes indicate a need to do so. [Link](#).
- 2021-02-03 Governor of Svalbard announces that the quick test for SARS-CoV-2 is approved as a covid-test for travellers to Svalbard. [Link](#).
- 2021-01-29 The AstraZeneca vaccine received a conditional EU approval and is thereby also approved for use in Norway. [Link](#).
- 2021-01-28 The government tightens the rules for entry to Svalbard. A negative result on the corona test taken within 24 hours before departure is required. The test must be completed on the mainland. All travel to Svalbard that is not considered as strictly necessary is discouraged. [Link](#).
- 2021-01-27 To limit the risk of transmitting the significantly more contagious variant of the coronavirus, the Government is imposing far stricter rules on foreign nationals who seek entry to Norway. In general, only foreign nationals who reside in Norway will be permitted to enter. [Link](#).
- 2021-01-25 If you have visited an area that triggers quarantine duty (Norwegian citizens included) you are required to take a rapid SARS-CoV-2 test at the Norwegian border. All positive rapid-tests will be immediately followed up by a PCR-test at the border. [Link](#).
- 2021-01-23 Stricter rules for testing and quarantine upon arrival to stop coronavirus mutation. [Link](#).
- 2020-01-18 Visit Svalbard updated their information page about traveling to Svalbard. [Link](#).

- 2021-01-15 Stricter rules applied to travelers from South Africa due to prevalence of mutated virus. [Link](#).
- 2021-01-12 Global travel advice from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs extended until March 1, 2021. [Link](#).
- 2021-01-07 The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is maintaining its global advice against all non-essential travel to all countries. This advice currently applies until 1 March 2021
- 2020-12-31 Effective 02.01.21, government has imposed mandatory testing for Covid-19 for all travelers to Norway. [Link](#).
- 2020-12-21 Stricter entry requirements apply to travelers from the UK. [Link](#).
- 2020-11-19 Norwegian Maritime Authority published an updated version of the Norwegian COVID-19 protocols with regards to crew change on ships, (first published 15.06.20, currently under revision). [Link](#).
- 2020-11-16 The Norwegian Maritime Authority announced that they are extending the validity of all trading certificates, company certificates and vessel instructions expiring before 1 July 2021. [Link](#).
- 2020-11-11 On Nov 5, new national infection control measures were implemented by the Norwegian government, which also apply to Svalbard. This means, among other things, that unnecessary travel to/from the Norwegian mainland should be avoided. Business trips that are considered as necessary can be carried out. [Link](#).
- 2020-10-11 The Norwegian Coastal Administration updated their information page about [The Coronavirus and Seagoing Traffic](#).
- 2020-09-21 The Norwegian Institute of Public Health published a landing page with information regarding the handling of COVID-19 on vessels, and planning of cruise activities. [Link](#) (Norwegian only).
- 2020-09-03 Norway announced a [ban on cruise activity on Svalbard](#) was implemented by [regulation](#) of Norway's [covid-19 regulation](#) on 14.09.2020. The ban does not apply to day cruises and cruises that start and finish in Svalbard with up to 30 people on board and include overnight accommodation is part of the cruise. The government stated that an assessment of this regulatory change would be carried out by November 1, 2020.
- 2020-09-01 Governor of Svalbard [states](#) that travelers subject to quarantine need to complete their full quarantine period in mainland Norway [prior to travelling on to Svalbard](#).
- In August, Norway 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.
- 2020-07-14 The Governor of Svalbard [announced](#) that infection prevention plans are mandatory are mandatory for coastal cruises.

Arctic Canada

- 2021-06-10 Nunavut extends Public Health Emergency. [Link](#).
- 2021-06-10 Nunavut's common travel area with NWT restored. [Link](#).
- 2021-06-07 Isolation exemption for fully vaccinated travellers. [Link](#).
- 2021-06-07 Government of Nunavut announces isolation exemption for fully vaccinated travelers. [Link](#).
- 2021-05-31 Government of Nunavut announces COVID-19 vaccination clinics for 12 to 17 year olds. [Link](#).
- 2021-02-12 Canada announced additional testing and more stringent quarantine requirements for travel to Canada. Link to [news release](#) and [backgrounder](#).

- 2021-02-04 On Feb 4, Canada announced two new Interim Orders, which prohibit pleasure craft in Canadian Arctic waters and cruise vessels in all Canadian waters until February 28, 2022. [Link](#).
- 2021-01-29 International flight restrictions at Canadian airports which requires international flights to be funneled to Canada's four largest airports has been extended. This includes, among other things, that international charter passenger flights and international business / private passenger flights are no longer exempted. [Link](#).
- 2021-01-29 The Government of Canada announced new rules on international travel: "As soon as possible in the coming weeks, all air travellers arriving in Canada, with very limited exceptions, must reserve a room in a Government of Canada-approved hotel for three nights at their own cost, and take a COVID-19 molecular test on arrival at their own cost. More details will be available in the coming days." [Link](#). Backgrounder: [Link](#).
- 2021-01-21 New COVID-19 GN Department of Health Update published. [Link](#).
- 2021-01-07 Nunavut's Minister of Health Lorne Kusugak has extended the territory's public health emergency until January 21, 2021. All existing measures under the public health emergency order remain in effect. [Link](#).
- 2020-09-28 Updated information published regarding temperature screening for air travel. [Link](#).
- Nunavut has published a strategy for dealing with COVID-19: Nunavut's Path: Moving forward during COVID-19 [Link](#).
- 2020-11-9 Travel Nunavut published a Statement and Update on Coronavirus (COVID-19) [Link](#).
- 2020-03-13 The Canadian Government announced in a [press release](#) that 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.

Russia

- Official Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation information page about COVID-19: <https://covid19.rosminzdrav.ru/> (Russian only)
- Latest Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation announcements regarding COVID-19: <https://covid19.rosminzdrav.ru/news/> (Russian only)
- Russian government information page about COVID-19: http://government.ru/support_measures/ (Russian only)
- Some information about requirements for foreign citizens, stateless persons and citizens of the Russian Federation arriving in the territory of the Russian Federation is available on the website of Russia's embassy to the US ([Link](#)) and the website of Russia's Embassy to the UK ([Link](#)).
- Aeroflot's information page about COVID-19 travel precautions (not an official source): <https://www.aeroflot.ru/ru-en/covid-19>

Other regions and global developments

- 2020-10-30 CDC issued the [US CDCR - Framework for Conditional Sailing Order for Cruise Ships](#). This Order shall remain in effect until the earliest of the expiration of the Secretary of Health and Human Services' declaration that COVID-19 constitutes a public health emergency, the CDC Director rescinds or modifies the order based on specific public health or other considerations, or November 1, 2021.