

August 16, 2021: COVID-19 Regional Update #107: AECO Operational Area

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Quick summary

<p>Iceland</p>	<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 before arrival, 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+, 5% have received the first vaccine dose and 85% are fully vaccinated.
<p>Greenland</p>	<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. • 59% 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 within Europe 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 EU/EEA countries. These groups of travelers are also exempt from quarantine. Norway will most likely start accepting NHS Covid Passes from England and Wales around mid-August. • 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. • As of August 9, 86% have received the first dose and 45% have received two doses. • 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. • Some restrictions have been eased for fully vaccinated travelers. • 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 currently in place. As of November 1, 2021, the prohibition of cruise ships in Canadian waters would no longer be in effect if operators are able to fully comply with public health requirements. • Canada has announced plans to introduce vaccine requirements for employees and passengers on cruise ships as soon as possible in the fall and no later than the end of October. Link.
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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
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News of interest

[Norwegian Can Now Require COVID-19 Vaccine Proof for Florida Cruises](#)
[Seafarers Have Low Vaccinations Rates as Crew Change Delays Persist](#)



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>Total of 8793 cases, up from 8233 on August 3.</p> <p>VACCINATION STATUS: As of August 6, of the population aged 16+, 7% have received the first vaccine dose and 86% 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>Recently, there have been a number of COVID-19 cases traced back to persons entering the country from abroad, including fully vaccinated individuals. Because of this, Iceland has reinstated testing requirements for people to are fully vaccinated or have had a previous COVID-19 infection. Link.</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. As of 27 July, all vaccinated persons and those that can</p>

<p>Links to official COVID-19 information</p> <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</p> <p>Vaccination for temporary workers</p> <p>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 and the vaccination schedule information page of the Primary Care of the Capital Area for details.</p>	<p>present a certificate of a prior COVID-19 infection must also present a negative PCR or antigen (rapid) test that is no more than 72 hours old before departure to Iceland. Link.</p> <p>Everybody must undergo testing on arrival to Iceland. 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 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. As of August 16, vaccinated passengers with ties to Iceland must undergo testing within 48 hours of arrival in Iceland. Link.</p> <p>REGISTRATIONS: All travelers are under obligation to complete a pre-registration form for visiting Iceland.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>CRUISE REGULATIONS</p> <p>The Directorate of Health in Iceland has published instructions for foreign vessels in Iceland if there is a risk of COVID-19 on board.</p> <p>Iceland has implemented exemptions from COVID-19 border controls for ship crews. Information about these exemptions is available in Icelandic here.</p> <p>TEST AVAILABILITY</p> <p>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</p>
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	<p>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.</p> <p>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 if you opt for the English version of the website. Opening hours for the chat are 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>
Greenland	
<p>Population: 56,000</p> <p>OUTBREAK STATUS: 98 active cases in Greenland</p> <p>VACCINATION STATUS: As of August 13, 38,720 have received the first dose, 30,001 have received first and second dose. 68% 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>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. People who are not residents of Greenland may enter the country if they can document that they are fully vaccinated against COVID-10. This rule comes into force 10.08.21 and will be in place until 24.08.21. Link. Link.</p> <p>ENTRY REGISTRATON: All persons travelling to Greenland fill out the online Sumut form before arrival.</p> <p>TESTING: Effective July 19, all travelers entering Greenland must present a negative PCR test which should be less than 48 hours old. Fully vaccinated citizens also need to present a negative PCR test. 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</p>

<p>J&J Janssen COVID-19 vaccine was removed from the vaccination program due to side effects.</p> <p>In August 2021, Greenland started vaccinating citizens aged 12 – 15. Link.</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>Visit Greenland – Status of COVID-19 in Greenland</p>	<p>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>VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS: Greenland requires people to be vaccinated in order to participate in certain activities such as restaurant visits and sporting events. These rules are in place until August 24. 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> <p>Kirsten L. Fencker, Greenland's Minister for Health, is quoted in a KNR news article from 20.07.21 (available in Danish here) as saying that Greenland wants to avoid straining local health resources and are therefore maintaining the the strict regulations of cruising that are currently in place. Please note that this news article is not an official source and may contain errors.</p> <p>Facemasks must be carried on board passengers ships in regular routes in all of Greenland. This rule comes into force 05.08.21 and will be in place until 24.08.21. Link.</p>
<p>NORWAY AND SVALBARD</p>	
<p>Population: 2400 (Longyearbyen, Ny-Ålesund)</p> <p>OUTBREAK STATUS</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 within Europe 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, in accordance with Norway’s criteria. Link. (see “Accepted forms of vaccine/immunity</p>

<p>0 cases in Svalbard. 144,478 cases in Norway (up from 139,779 on August 9) Link.</p> <p>VACCINATION STATUS: As of August 9, 87% have received the first dose and 52% have received two doses. Link.</p> <p>Vaccinations in Svalbard: 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) BioNTec/Pfizer vaccine (conditional EU approval 21.12.20). AstraZeneca vaccine (conditional EU approval 29.01.21).</p> <p>REOPENING STATUS: Norway has announced that it will move to the fourth and final stage of its reopening plan three weeks after all adults have been offered the first vaccine dose. Link.</p> <p>Links to official COVID-19 information The Norwegian Institute for Public Health The Norwegian Government The Governor of Svalbard Norwegian Foreign Ministry</p>	<p>documentation”) Minor children traveling with parents who are exempt from entry restrictions can enter the country. Link. 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 (see “Accepted forms of vaccine/immunity documentation”) and travelers from countries or areas referred to as green countries or areas are exempt from travel quarantine. Link.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>ACCEPTED FORMS OF VACCINE/IMMUNITY DOCUMENTATION: In order to document vaccination/immunity, travelers must a form of documentation listed in Appendix D to the covid-19 regulations. As of 09.08.21, 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> <p>Effective August 12, Norway accepts COVID-19 certificates from England and Wales. This means that people from England and Wales who have been fully vaccinated with a vaccine that has been approved by the</p>
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European Medicines Agency (EMA) will be able to enter Norway without any restrictions. [Link](#). They then be exempt from quarantine, test before arrival, test at the border and requirements to register upon entry. Please note that persons that have received the Novavax vaccine will not be considered vaccinated by Norway and will be subject to normal travel restrictions. [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:

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has issued a global advice against non-essential travel to all countries with the exception of the EU/EEA countries, Switzerland and the UK. In addition, the advice against non-essential travel no longer applies to certain countries and regions on the EU’s list of epidemiologically safe third countries, i.e. non-EU/EEA countries. The global travel advice will apply until 1 September. [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, create a plan which describes how the operator will ensure compliance with requirements connected to contagion prevention, as outlines in law, regulations and national guidance documents. While there currently is no national guidance document for cruising, operator may use AECO’s Clean Ships Health People guidance document (latest version: October 2020, available [here](#) on AECO’s Members

Only page) as a reference when creating their plan. Cruise operators operating in Svalbard must also sign and submit a self-declaration to the Governor, available [here](#).

AECO is currently in the process of working with Standards Norway to develop a national guidance document/standard for expedition cruising. The standard is part of a [framework](#) put in place and funded by the Norwegian Directorate of Health. AECO and Standards Norway aim to finalize the document by end of August, and the document will be reviewed by the Directorate of Health before it can be distributed.

The maximum number of people on board depends on whether passengers and crew are protected and can document this. See “Accepted forms of vaccine/immunity documentation”.

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.

The Directorate of Health has an [information page](#) (Norwegian only) about the rules that apply to coastal cruising. Please note that the information may be outdated, and the [COVID-19 regulations](#) should always be consulted for accuracy.

In an email to AECO 12.06.21, the Governor of Svalbard offered the following clarifications:

- Exemptions connected cruising if everyone on board is fully vaccinated, only applies if vaccinations can be documented in accordance with Norwegian requirements. As of 09.08.21, 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.
- If there is a suspicion of infection on board, the ship will not be able to disembark on Svalbard, and it must return to the nearest emergency port on the mainland.
- If one or more of the crew or passengers tests positive for SARS-CoV-2, everyone who is or has been on board during the same coastal cruise must remain in infection quarantine. The Norwegian Directorate of Health has confirmed that it is the duty of everyone who has stayed on ships with proven infection to remain in quarantine, this is a special provision for coastal cruises. There is no exception to the provision on quarantine of infection for those who have stayed on coastal cruises with proven infection.
- The Governor notes that the rules can change quickly, and that they reserve the right to change the rules during the summer and that the above interpretations only relate to the regulations as of today.

PLEASURE CRAFT REGULATIONS

Effective June 21 until September 30, 2021, pleasure crafts that arrive in Norway will be subject to regular

	<p>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>1 active vases in Nunavut (658 cases since pandemic started) 3 active in NWT (133 cases since pandemic started)</p> <p>17,025 active cases in Canada 1,451,969 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> <p>TESTING AND QUARANTINE: Fully vaccinated foreign nationals will be allowed to enter Canada for discretionary travel on the following dates if they meet specific criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 9: American citizens and permanent residents of the United States, who currently reside in the United States, who meet specific criteria to qualify as fully vaccinated

<p>VACCINATION STATUS:</p> <p>Nunavut: As of August 10, 79% of population aged 12+) have received the first dose; and 69% of population aged 12+ have received two doses). Link.</p> <p>From June 15, Nunavut youth aged 12 to 17 will be offered the Pfizer vaccine. Link.</p> <p>Northwest Territories: Of the adult population, 77% are partially vaccinated, 72% are fully vaccinated, as of August 7. Link.</p> <p>Vaccination coverage data for all of Canada is found here.</p> <p>TYPE OF VACCINE CURRENTLY APPROVED: Pfizer-BioNtech vaccine Moderna vaccine AstraZeneca vaccine Janssen COVID-19 vaccine</p> <p>Links to official COVID-19 information</p> <p>Department of Health for information on preventive measures</p> <p>Government of Canada for information on travel and related advisories</p> <p>Government of Northwest Territories COVID-19 information page</p> <p>Government of Nunavut COVID-19 information page</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> September 7 (tentative): All other foreign nationals who qualify as fully vaccinated <p>The 3-night hotel stopover requirement ends for all travellers scheduled to arrive by air after 12:01 A.M. EDT on August 9.</p> <p>All travelers entering Canada, regardless of citizenship and vaccination status, must follow testing and quarantine requirements. Link. Criteria for qualifying as a fully vaccinated traveler exemption are listed here.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>REGISTRATION: All travelers are required to provide contact and quarantine information upon and after entry into Canada using ArriveCAN.</p> <p>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>
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	<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>As of November 1, 2021, the prohibition of cruise ships in Canadian waters would no longer be in effect if operators are able to fully comply with public health requirements. Link.</p> <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>As soon as possible in the fall and no later than the end of October, the Government of Canada will require employees in the federally regulated air, rail, and marine transportation sectors to be vaccinated. The vaccination requirement will also extend to certain travellers. This includes all commercial air travellers, passengers on interprovincial trains, and passengers on large marine vessels with overnight accommodations, such as cruise ships. Link.</p> <p>Other relevant documents:</p> <p>COVID-19: Guidance Material for Essential Passenger Vessel and Ferry Operators Measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 on passenger vessels and ferries - SSB No.: 08/2021</p>
Russia	
	<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>
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	<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>

	EU: EMSA and ECDC issue the first revision of their COVID-19 Guidance for Cruise Ship Operations on May 12, 2021. Link .
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