

RESPONSE:

- We would consider travel to be essential if it is for emergency purposes, essential work (such as truckers, pilots, healthcare providers, etc.) or to facilitate shared parenting arrangements. Information on travel is available at <https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/restartmb/prs/orders/index.html>.
- As noted in all our public communications including our website, social media and in regular briefings with our chief provincial public health officer, we have advised that non-essential travel is strongly discouraged and that self-isolation for persons entering Manitoba is mandatory, with some exemptions, as per this [public health order](#). A [public health order](#) also prohibits non-essential travel to northern Manitoba, with some specific exemptions.
- As per the order above, non-essential travel to northern Manitoba is enforceable by tickets, which can be issued by police, public health inspectors and other enforcement personnel designated under [The Public Health Act](#) for non-compliance with public health emergency orders with fines up to \$1,296 for individuals and \$5,000 for corporations. While other non-essential travel is not prohibited by the orders, it is strongly discouraged based on public health advice, and there is a [mandatory self-isolation order](#) for persons entering Manitoba that is also enforceable by fines.

REQUEST:

I am writing because we are conducting research regarding travel during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Canadians are being told not to travel outside of the country right now unless it is considered “essential.”

Please provide answers to the following:

- 1) How does your government define “essential” travel - be it out of province or out of country? What would be examples of non-essential travel?
- 2) What measures does your government take to prevent non-essential travel?
- 3) What punitive measures or actions does your government take if it is determined that someone has travelled for non-essential reasons?