

RESPONSE:

Thanks for reaching out.

The following is attributable to the Ministry of Health:

Details about essential travel can be found here: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support/restrictions#travel>

There is no order in B.C. restricting travel, but the government is advising in the strongest terms that people stay in their local community, reduce their social interactions and travel only when it is essential.

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?