

RESPONSE:

We recommend that Albertans avoid non-essential travel outside Canada until further notice. There is no formal restriction prohibiting such travel or punitive measures in place at this time.

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?