

Government of Canada Introduces Further Restrictions on International Travel

Greetings Everyone,

As you may know, Transport Canada released the news of further restrictions on international travel, as seen here:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2021/01/government-of-canada-introduces-further-restrictions-on-international-travel.html>

With the above information, we strongly suggest you do not book a flight to travel to Canada to study at this moment. We will keep you updated and give you more instructions once we hear further updates and details from government.

Here is a review of what has been confirmed:

International students arriving in Canada will be subject to the above announced testing and quarantine requirements. International students will be tested at the point of entry (Montreal, Toronto, Calgary, Vancouver) and be required to **book a stay of at least three days at a nearby government approved hotel**. If they test negative, they can complete the remaining 11 days of their quarantine in accordance with your institutions COVID-19 readiness plan (approved on campus residences will continue to be eligible for this portion of the quarantine).

It still remains unclear as to when exactly this restriction would come into effect (the press release from Transport Canada above cites 'as soon as possible in the coming weeks,' which was repeated by officials from IRCC and PHAC). The Government of Canada intends to outline a set of requirements that hotels will need to meet in order to be eligible to receive international travelers.

Please contact international@northern.on.ca if you have any questions about this.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation at a challenging time, and keep well,

The Northern College International Team