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COVID Update

CBIE is in close communication with senior IRCC officials, in coordination with other national associations, to highlight the various ways that the COVID-19 crisis is impacting the immigration status of and policies pertaining to international students and faculty. Working closely with our Immigration Advisory Committee, CBIE is also seeking clarification of rapidly evolving immigration policies within a very fluid and ever-changing environment.

As we receive clarifications, we will share these with our members. We encourage you to also monitor the Government of Canada publications regarding COVID-19. These are being reviewed and updated on a regular basis:

- [Special measures to help temporary and permanent residents and applicants affected by the novel coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [Temporary Resident COVID-19 program delivery](#)
- [New Measures for COVID-19 Response](#)
- [IRCC Twitter](#)

Update on key IRCC questions as of March 26, 2020 – 5:00pm EST

International students' reentry into Canada

Temporary foreign workers, some international students and approved permanent residents who haven't yet landed are now able to enter Canada.

The travel restriction exemptions that were announced are now in place. If you're exempt, you can now travel to Canada.

If you're travelling by air, you need to pass a health check before you're allowed to board your flight. Anyone who shows symptoms of COVID-19 will not be allowed to enter Canada by air.

When you arrive in Canada we'll assess your health before you leave the port of entry. You must [isolate](#) for 14 days even if you have no symptoms. This is mandatory.

Only people who provide essential services and truck drivers who regularly cross the border to maintain the flow of goods are exempt from the isolation requirements.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/coronavirus-special-measures.html>

We will continue to provide updates as they become available.