

COVID-19 ROAD SIDE CHECK-POINTS

(INFORMATION AS OF APRIL 3, 2020)

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

Scope: A check point will be established at the Marine Atlantic Facility in North Sydney.

Agency: Marine Atlantic Officials.

Documentation Provided: COVID-19 awareness materials.

Impact: No issues reported by trucking industry.

NOVA SCOTIA

Scope: Nova Scotia borders will tighten to travellers and all entry points (land, sea, air) will be closely managed. Anyone entering the province will be stopped, questioned, and told to self-isolate for 14 days by Nova Scotia Public Health. Exemptions for cross-border travel include healthy workers in trades and transportations sectors who move goods and people (e.g. truck drivers); healthy people going to work (e.g. health-care workers); and people travelling into the province for essential health services (e.g. chemotherapy treatment).

Agency: Nova Scotia Public Health

Documentation Provided: N/A

Impact: No issues reported by trucking industry.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Scope: A check point has been established at the Borden Scale (PEI point of entry). All non-essential travel onto the Island will be prohibited (such as cottagers).

Agency: Highway Safety Division & Public Health.

Documentation Provided: COVID-19 Awareness materials.

Impact: No issues reported by trucking industry.

NEW BRUNSWICK

No check points have been established.

QUEBEC

Scope: Several check points have been established. As of April 1, additional checkpoints will be deployed in and around four new regions. This measure is to limit non-essential travel.

A public health order will now be in effect for the following regions and territories:

- The Outaouais health region.
- The territories of the regional county municipalities of Antoine-Labelle, Argenteuil, Les-Pays-d'en-Haut and Les Laurentides for the Laurentides health region.
- The territories of the regional county municipalities of Autray, Joliette, Matawinie, and Montcalm for the Lanaudière health region.
- The territory of the urban agglomeration of La Tuque for the Mauricie et Centre-du-Québec health region.

The Sûreté du Québec is working closely with the Service de police de la Ville de Gatineau and the Service de sécurité publique de la MRC des Collines-de-l'Outaouais to put in place common measures to limit travel that will be controlled on a selective basis by police forces.

It should be noted that the measures introduced do not apply to activities enabling health care and health services to be obtained and provided, nor do they apply to activities providing humanitarian support and essential services for the continuity of the supply chain in all regions of Québec. By restricting entry and exit in this way, public health authorities believe they can further limit and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

On March 28, everyone was asked to avoid traveling from one region to another or from one community to another, except when necessary. Travel should be limited to medical and work-related reasons in a context where telework is not possible. Activities providing humanitarian support and essential services for the continuity of the supply chain in all regions and not impacted.

- The regions and territories covered by the March 28 announcement are as follows:
- Bas-Saint-Laurent
- Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean
- Abitibi-Témiscamingue
- Côte-Nord
- Nord-du-Québec
- Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine
- Nunavik
- Terres-Cries-de-la-Baie-Jame

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Additional Locations:

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Agency: Sûreté du Québec and Local Police.

Documentation Provided: N/A

Impact: No issues reported by trucking industry.

ONTARIO

No check points have been established.

MANITOBA

The Manitoba government (Public Health) will establish five highway checkpoints and provide information in airports to help inform travellers about the public health measures in place to slow the spread of COVID-19.

- Ontario border:
 - Trans-Canada Highway East (West Hawk Lake/Falcon Lake);
- Saskatchewan border:
 - Trans-Canada Highway West (west of Kirkella/Elkhorn/Virden);
 - PTH 16 (west of Russell);
 - PTH 5W (west of Roblin); and
 - PTH 2 (west of Sinclair/Reston/Souris).

Agency: Manitoba Public Health.

Documentation Provided: Travellers will receive information (in the form of a flyer) about Manitoba's current state of emergency, public health orders issued under The Public Health Act, and the need to immediately self-isolate for 14 days after travel in Canada or internationally. This recommendation does not include the commercial transportation of goods.

Impact: No issues reported by trucking industry.

SASKATCHEWAN

Provincial check points have not been established; however, many first nations communities have set up check points and are providing self-isolation guidelines and COVID-19 awareness materials.

Access for residents and essential services is being provided to these communities.

Agency: Local Health Agencies.

Documentation Provided: COVID-19 awareness materials.

Impact: No issues reported by trucking industry.

ALBERTA

No check points have been established.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

No check points have been established.

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