

LANGARA COLLEGE COVID-19 OUTBOUND OUT OF COUNTRY TRAVEL DIRECTIVE FOR ALL COLLEGE EMPLOYEES AND STUDENTS

As the safety of Langara College's community, during this time of the Global Pandemic, travel outside Canada by staff, faculty and students for College related activities and business remains restricted to essential travel purposes and for those countries with travel advisories 2 or lower. This directive does not apply to incoming travel however those traveling from abroad and planning to attend the college must follow all federal and provincial health and safety orders and requirements when entering Canada.

Domestic travel outside British Columbia is permitted based on provincial and territory travel advisories.

Essential Travel for college related business means any international travel for a purpose that is "not optional" or "non-discretionary". Travel will not be considered "essential travel" if there is a reasonable alternative for fulfilling the purpose of the travel.

Approval is required for any essential travel through the Division Chair and Dean for faculty and academic administrative staff and by the Manager and Director for all other employees. Any final decision with respect to essential travel rests with the appropriate vice president.

Note: For insurance and WorkSafe BC reasons any travel either domestic or international must be approved by the College.

Travel Insurance:

Whether travel is work related or personal, if travelling outside of British Columbia one's insurance coverage should be reviewed to ensure there are no exclusions that might include pandemic, epidemics, infectious/communicable diseases and/or travel advisories that will void your travel medical coverage. Insurance coverage should also be reviewed to ensure that repatriation, trip interruption, and quarantine coverage with adequate limits is in place.

The Canadian Government has advised that no repatriation is available through the government for Canadians who choose to travel to a country with a global travel advisory for risk levels 3 and 4 travel.

Government of Canada's Global Travel Advisories:

- Level 1 – Exercise normal security precautions
- Level 2 – Exercise a high degree of caution
- Level 3 – Avoid non-essential travel
- Level 4 – Avoid all travel

Due to the potential for travel advisories to change rapidly and the additional planning required, group travel for academic programs will only be considered after March 31, 2023 to regions that have seen stable and acceptable travel advisories. The academic approval process for these will follow regular timelines with a call for proposals being issued in Summer 2022. Contingency plans will be required for supervision or repatriation in the event that students and/or instructors are ill.

This directive applies to travel in the course of employment with the College. Global Affairs indicates that one should be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 at least 14 days before travelling. Travelers are also required to stay informed of the COVID-19 activity of the country(ies) they may be travelling to and any requirements and restrictions that may be in place.