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SUBJECT: The Quarantine Act and Essential Travel

Entry into Canada

By *The Quarantine Act*, the Government of Canada is enforcing a 14-day mandatory quarantine period for all persons entering Canada, **except if**:

“You are identified as an individual who is exempted from this Order because you meet the definition of an essential service worker.”

For Ontario, automotive manufacturing and transportation are listed as an essential service (see 23 & 21 respectively) - <https://www.ontario.ca/page/list-essential-workplaces>.

This provincial designation exempts employees of automotive suppliers and the transportation employees that carry their products in and out of Canada from mandatory quarantine. However, anyone who is travelling cross-border in these endeavours are strongly encouraged to reasonably self-isolate.

View [Canada Health](#)'s guidance for more information.

Guidance on Essential Services and Functions in Canada During the COVID-19 Pandemic released by Public Safety Canada classifies “critical infrastructure” and clearly states that the authority to determine if a specific job is deemed essential falls to Provincial or Territorial government

View [Public Safety Canada](#)'s guidance for more information.

NOTE: The above relates only to entry into Canada.

Entry into the United States of America

Like the Canadian *Quarantine Act*, the CDC has recommended a 14-day quarantine upon entry into the US for all travellers, with no specific federal guidance by industry. Unlike in Canada, this is guidance and does not include enforcement mechanisms.

In a joint US-Canada statement on the [Temporary Restriction of Travelers Crossing the US-Canada Land Border for Non-Essential Purposes](#), the DHS explicitly states that, “supply chains, including trucking, will not be impacted,” by new border restrictions.

It is recommended that you consult with the relevant state-level departments for state-specific policies.

For New York State and Michigan, automotive manufacturing and transportation are classified as critical infrastructure. For more details refer to the complete lists published on the [Michigan website](#), and the [New York State website](#).

Entry into Mexico

The regulatory environment for entry into Mexico for essential workers is less clear. Because automotive manufacturing did not initially receive an essential classification in Mexico, we advise for you to check with the guidelines from the State you intend to enter.

Generally, essential travelers entering Mexico may be subject to health screenings including temperature checks. Those exhibiting symptoms may be subject to additional health screening and/or quarantine.