

On April 19, 2021 Premier John Horgan announced that an Order is being drafted under the *Emergency Program Act* to restrict non-essential travel within the province to reduce the spread of COVID-19. The work on the Order and accompanying guidance documents is in progress and a formal Order is expected at the end of this week. The new restrictions are put in place to ensure that British Columbians stay close to home and reduce non-essential travel.

Additional voluntary measures include that BC residents will not be able to book accommodations or a camping site outside of their local health authority and BC Ferries will stop accepting bookings for recreational vehicles such as campers and trailers at the end of this week. More information on travel and COVID-19 can also be found [here](#).

Minister Osborne and Minister Farnworth are planning to host a phone call with Mayors/Chairs/CAOs next week, we will share more information as that call is finalised. We appreciate that you may have questions with respect to the Order and these new travel restrictions and we will continue to provide more information as it becomes available.

In addition, the province-wide restrictions that came into effect March 29, 2021 have been extended to **May 25, 2021 at midnight**. For additional information on this, please see the following:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/info/restrictions>