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**Memo To: CSA Members and FIS Representatives**  
**From: David Pym, Managing Director & CEO**  
**Date: March 13, 2020**  
**RE: CSA Statement on COVID-19**

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As you are all aware, COVID-19 has created very difficult times throughout the world and is creating many challenges at home and abroad.

Our world of snow sports has been impacted greatly with cancellations across the globe of the majority of events and an early season end to many programs. As you are aware, FIS, and most NSA members of FIS, have cancelled the majority of competitive events and many have cancelled scheduled meetings as well as conferences. These steps are consistent with best practices and meet many CGL (FIS & non-FIS) requirements.

Your CGL coverage could be at risk for failing to heed best practices and the strong recommendations of health professionals.

There continues to be many challenges for our/your members who are in various parts of the globe trying to return back to Canada and their homes.

**Federal and Provincial Ministers and Health Officials are directing those returning from outside of Canada to self isolate themselves for 14 days upon return and/or seek medical advice if there are any signs of illness as a precaution.**

The CSA would encourage all of you, your athletes and staff to follow this practice.

We are attaching an information sheet providing more detailed information. Please note that the recommendations and requirements are changing daily.

The health and well being of you, your family, friends, co-workers etc. is paramount and the only way to beat this disease is to be ahead of it by taking severe precautionary measures.

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## COVID-19

**The situation reported in the media changes hourly and by government agencies – daily.**

**Travel guidelines are in place with Self-Isolation and Self-Reporting being recommended.**

The Public Health Agency of Canada is working with provinces, territories and international partners, including the World Health Organization, to actively monitor the situation. Global efforts are focused on containment of the outbreak and the prevention of further spread. There is no standard “Canada” messaging yet.

Canada's Chief Public Health Officer of Canada is in close contact with provincial and territorial Chief Medical Officers of Health to ensure that any cases of COVID-19 occurring in Canada continue to be rapidly identified and managed in order to protect the health of Canadians.

The Canadian Quarantine Act legislation gives the federal government a fair bit of latitude to do whatever they feel is necessary to stop the spread of a disease that could pose a public health risk. The legislation gives the federal health minister sweeping powers to stop the spread of communicable diseases either in or out of Canada. Those measures include everything from routine screenings conducted by quarantine officers at airports to mandated isolation. So far, these restrictions relate only to the Level 3 countries.

**Government of Canada Travel Advisories:** <https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories>

All provinces rely on self-isolation and self-reporting to local health authorities for all travelers who have entered Canada from Hubei, Iran or Italy AND those with symptoms who have been in contact with these travelers.

Travelers returning from other areas under active COVID-19 travel advisories for Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, France, Germany, Italy, and Spain should monitor themselves for symptoms of the 2019 novel coronavirus for 14 days after leaving the affected area AND contact your provincial/territorial/local health authorities if you experience symptoms of COVID-19.

Link for Canada:

**Canada:** <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html>

**The most recent media reports include warnings and statements from Government of Canada officials and health ministers telling Canadians to avoid all non-essential travel outside of the country. As well, they urge anyone who has travelled to Canada from outside of the country to self-isolate for 14 days to assist in preventing the spread of the virus.**

Standard consistent across Board Recommendations are:

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water or use alcohol-based hand rub when hands are not visibly soiled.
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow or a tissue. If using a tissue, immediately place it in a waste disposal and wash your hands.
- If possible, stay home when ill with acute respiratory symptoms; if this is not possible, limit close contact with others.
- Limit touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Don't share items that may have saliva on them such as drinking glasses and water bottles.
- Frequently clean surfaces like taps, doorknobs, and countertops.

- Use of masks by the general public for respiratory illnesses such as influenza and novel coronavirus have not been shown to be effective in preventing virus spread and are not recommended for prevention.

In an attempt to limit the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), some provincial governments have implemented special entry and exit restrictions for their territory. Before travelling, verify if the local authorities of both your current location and destination have implemented any specific restrictions related to this situation. These include entry requirements, quarantines, border closures and flight suspensions.

- Monitor the media for the latest information
- Contact your airline or tour operator to determine if the situation will disrupt your travel plans

**Link for each province:**

**British Columbia:** <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19>

**Alberta:** <https://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans.aspx>

**Saskatchewan:** <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/health-care-administration-and-provider-resources/treatment-procedures-and-guidelines/emerging-public-health-issues/2019-novel-coronavirus>

**Manitoba:** <https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/>

**Ontario:** <https://www.ontario.ca/page/2019-novel-coronavirus>

**Quebec:** <https://www.quebec.ca/en/health/health-issues/a-z/2019-coronavirus/>

**New Brunswick:**

[https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/ocmoh/cdc/content/respiratory\\_diseases/coronavirus.html](https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/ocmoh/cdc/content/respiratory_diseases/coronavirus.html)

**Prince Edward Island:** <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/health-and-wellness/coronavirus-covid-19-infection-frequently-asked-questions>

**Nova Scotia:** <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/>

**Newfoundland and Labrador:** <https://www.gov.nl.ca/covid-19/>

**Northwest Territories:** <https://www.hss.gov.nt.ca/en/services/coronavirus-disease-covid-19>

**Yukon:** <https://yukon.ca/en/information-about-novel-coronavirus-yukoners>

**Nunavut:** <https://www.gov.nu.ca/health/news/coronavirus-travellers-remain-vigilant>