


October 30, 2020: COVID-19 Regional Update #76: AECO Operational Area

Country/Region	Svalbard	Greenland	Iceland	Arctic Canada
Population	2400 (Longyearbyen, Ny-Ålesund)	56,000	366,000	84,000 (Nunavut, NWT)
Confirmed cases Source: https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html	0 19 618 cases in Norway (up from 17,234 on October 23) 11 863 recovered	17 (16 recovered) 45 736 in Denmark (up from 39, 129 on October 23) 34 548 recovered	4797 (3 788 recovered) (up from 4308 on October 23)	0 in Nunavut 10 in NWT 231 535 cases in Canada (up from 211,891 on October 23) 194 145 recovered
Links to official health authorities' websites on the Covid-19	The Norwegian Institute for Public Health The Norwegian Government The Governor of Svalbard Norwegian Foreign Ministry	Greenland Chief Medical Officer official site on the Covid-19 situation	The office of the Director of Public Health and the Civil Protection Department site on the Covid-19 situation in Iceland	Department of Health for information on preventive measures Government of Canada for information on travel and related advisories

Latest updates from governments and national authorities

Svalbard

- [Change](#) in categorisation of countries.
- [Change](#) of travel advice for some Nordic regions.
- [Extension](#) of travel advice to January 15 and changes in categorisation of countries.
- [Firmer rules for Svalbard](#) from September 3. A ban on cruise activity on Svalbard has been implemented. This does not apply to day cruises and cruises that start and finish in Svalbard, with up to 30 people on board. These regulations will initially last until November 1.
- The Norwegian government [recommends](#) to avoid any unnecessary travel abroad. [Updated](#) October 1.
- [Changes in travel advice](#). There have been reports of significantly increasing incidence in several countries and regions in the EU / EEA. The Norwegian government will therefore introduce entry quarantine requirements for travelers from additional countries in the EU / EEA, more countries change from yellow to red.
- Quarantine must be carried out on the mainland. [Info from Sysselmannen](#).
- Norwegian authorities have revised the travel advice from August 19 following an increase in infections in many countries. Travelers from “red” areas must go in quarantine upon arrival to Norway. [See updated list here](#)
- Norway has passed temporarily new and more restrictive regulations for cruise operations in Svalbard, and along the Norwegian coast. We refer to mail sent out to members on August 6.
-  Effective October 28, Foreign workers who have been in an area where the level of infection is particularly high during the 10-day period before their arrival in Norway must go into quarantine on entry to Norway. In addition, there are new instructions for foreign workers who are exempted from the duty of quarantine. [See information here](#).


Greenland

- New entry [requirements](#) - quarantine, negative tests and face masks for all.
- New test center and [procedures](#) in Nuuk (Danish)
- Visit Greenland [FAQs](#) updated October 5.
- Greenland Government has updated the Executive Order on travel to Greenland. [Link](#) (Danish)
- Cruise vessels may not enter Greenland waters if they have visited a port in another country within 14 days before arrival to Greenland. [Link](#) (Danish). See Visit Greenland FAQ page [here](#).
- Information on travel to Greenland [Link](#).

Iceland

- Latest information on screening and infections at Iceland's borders on October 23 [Link](#).
- Double screening for those arriving in Iceland. [Link](#).
- Quarantine shortened from 14 to 7 days, ending with a test, from September 14 [Link](#).
- Information for those travelling to Iceland [Link](#).
- Foreign nationals, who are neither [EU/EEA nor EFTA nationals](#), are not allowed to enter Iceland unless they can demonstrate that their travel is essential. See [link](#)

Arctic Canada

- Who can enter Canada [Link](#).
-  COVID-19 GN Department of Health Update – October 26. [Link](#).
- Nunavut extends public health emergency - October 1, [Link](#).

Travel advice and information from authorities

Svalbard

- The Norwegian government [recommends](#) to avoid any unnecessary travel abroad.
- Changes to entry and quarantine [Link](#).
- As of July 15, Svalbard opens to those from several countries within the Schengen area and EEA. Updated September 29 [Link](#).
- Coastal cruises - infection prevention plans are mandatory (Gov. of Svalbard, [link](#)).
- Updates from the Norwegian Maritime Authority on the coronavirus [Link](#).
- The Norwegian Coastal Administration [The Coronavirus and Seagoing Traffic](#).
- Further links to travel advice [Link](#).
- Norway has passed temporarily new and more restrictive regulations for cruise operations in Svalbard, and along the Norwegian coast. We refer to mail sent out to members on August 6.
- Latest [update](#) from Visit Svalbard updated September 18.

Greenland

- Travel to Greenland (English). Updated July 31. [Link](#).
- FAQ regarding the Greenland Reopening by Visit Greenland [Link](#)
- Greenland Government announced new entry regulations from July 21 to December 31. Cruise vessels may not enter Greenland waters if they have visited a port in another country within 14 days before arrival to Greenland. [Link](#) (Danish).

Iceland

- Stricter rules to combat infection in the metropolitan area. [Link](#).
- Information from the Immigration Authorities regarding Covid-19. [Link](#)
- The Director of health in Iceland guidelines and strategy plans for foreign vessels in Iceland if there is a risk of COVID-19 on board. Here is [a link of the Icelandic guidelines and response to COVID-19 for foreign vessels](#)
- ICELAND and COVID-19 according to Promote Iceland. [Link](#).

Arctic Canada

- Temperature screening for air travel, backgrounder. [Link](#).
- Nunavut's Path: Moving forward during COVID-19 [Link](#).
- New measures for pleasure craft in northern communities. [Link](#) (May 14).
- An official global travel advisory is in effect: Avoid non-essential travel outside Canada until further notice. Avoid all travel on cruise ships until further notice. [Link](#).
- Given the limited public health capacity in Canada's Northern communities, the cruise ship season for vessels with Canadian Arctic stops will be deferred for the entire season this year. This would apply to cruise ships of all sizes.
- Source: Canadian Government and here's [the press release in its entire length](#)
- Season 2020 deferred, [Canadian Government source](#).
- Extension of measures pertaining to cruise ships and pleasure craft until February 28, 2021. [Link](#).

Additional links and news, AECO operational area and global

[Minister Garneau announces extended measures for cruise ships and pleasure craft in Canada](#)