

# NEWS BRIEF

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## National Borders Locked Down Amid Coronavirus

On Friday, March 20, 2020, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo announced that the U.S. borders with Canada and Mexico would be closed to nonessential travelers starting Saturday at midnight.

The State Department already issued a Level 4: Do Not Travel advisory, which advises Americans not to travel abroad.

Americans “should arrange immediate return” to the United States or risk being stuck for an extended period outside the country, according to Pompeo.

It’s unclear if further travel restrictions will be implemented by the administration, but closures to the North American borders and bans from European travelers suggest more restrictions will come.



*“If you choose to travel, it may well be fairly disruptive.”*

- *Secretary of State Mike Pompeo*



President Donald Trump indicated that immigration would further strain the health care system, strengthening the potential for more travel restrictions in the future.

### What’s next?

Employers should take note of these travel restrictions and ensure they aren’t sending

employees abroad for nonessential business, lest they become stuck there.

Stay tuned for more updates related to these and other developments related to COVID-19.

Speak with Heffernan Insurance Brokers for more guidance related to this pandemic in the meantime.



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