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Media Release from Barrie-Innisfil M.P. John Brassard

Coronavirus (Covid-19) Update 2

For Immediate Release March 16 - Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has announced restrictions on international travellers arriving in Canada, that will go into effect at noon on Wed., Mar. 18.

Starting Wednesday, and continuing until further notice, entrance into Canada will be restricted to Canadian citizens, permanent residents, immediate family members of citizens, diplomats, aircrew personnel and American citizens. International flights will be directed to just four major Canadian cities – Toronto's Pearson International and airports in Montreal, Vancouver, Calgary.

Also, travellers from anywhere in the world who are exhibiting symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19) will not be permitted to board a plane headed to Canada. The government will create a support program for Canadians who are stranded abroad because of travel restrictions.

"These steps are necessary and have been put in place to help contain the spread of COVID-19 across Canada," said Barrie-Innisfil Member of Parliament John Brassard. "The situation continues to evolve, and we must work together to minimize the impact of the pandemic on Canadians."

Locally, a dedicated COVID-19 assessment centre has opened in Barrie at 490 Huronia Road. It will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. until Sunday, Mar. 22.

"We all have a responsibility to do what we can to stay safe and stop the spread of COVID-19 in Barrie-Innisfil. I am once again reminding everyone to continue practising social distancing, avoid crowded places and keep at least a metre away from anyone who is coughing or sneezing," Brassard said.

Remember these steps to protect yourself:

- Wash your hands frequently, for at least 20 seconds
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Avoid close contact with anyone who is sick
- Stay at least two metres away from anyone who is coughing or sneezing
- Cough and sneeze into your sleeve
- Stay at home if you are sick

If you have questions about international travel, contact the Government of Canada COVID-19 information line at 1-833-784-4397 or visit www.Canada.ca/coronavirus

The [Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit](http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/Promos/Novel-Coronavirus) has information on COVID-19 testing, symptoms and more: <http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/Promos/Novel-Coronavirus>.

Brassard's constituency office will remain closed to the public until further notice, however, staff will respond to phone calls, emails and social media inquiries. If you need assistance, call **705-726-5959** or email John.Brassard@parl.gc.ca.

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