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## **COVID-19 Travel Advisory Relating to Border Closures**

**DOUGLAS, ARIZ. – March 18, 2020.** President Trump announced Wednesday that the northern border of the United States with Canada will be temporarily closed to non-essential traffic. The President also said in a Wednesday briefing at the White House that similar action will be taken on the southern border.

President Trump stated that the southern border will not close completely and would only apply to asylum seekers. His announcement included plans to invoke a provision of the United States Code (USC) that would allow the federal government to prohibit the entry of asylum seekers because of COVID-19.

White House officials have stated that border closings will not apply to US citizens, green-card holders and foreigners who already have legal rights to be here, including people with work permits. In other words, if the border should close, a US citizen cannot be denied entry back into the United States. The border closures, according to senior administration officials, will not apply to commercial traffic or goods.

If you have questions, please contact City Hall at 520- 417-7303.

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