



Advisory # **2020-A-057**

Subject: COVID-19 TESTING AS PART OF RESEARCH STUDY

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Beginning September 3, International and Transborder passengers arriving in Terminal 1 will have the option to be voluntarily tested for COVID-19 when arriving at Toronto Pearson as part of a research study. Any asymptomatic passengers terminating their travel in Toronto will be eligible to participate.

The GTAA has partnered with Air Canada on this initiative and researchers from McMaster University and the University of Toronto who are working with not-for-profit company, McMaster HealthLabs, will carry out the study.

As part of our Healthy Airport initiative, the GTAA is committed to maintaining a safe and healthy work environment for airport employees. Through our support of this research study, our goal is to contribute to data collection and science-based study that will help inform public policy decision-making.

Sample collection for the study will be self-administered by participating passengers in semi-enclosed booths under the observation and instruction of a McMaster representative. The booths are located past the CBSA checkpoint exit in Terminal 1, before passengers exit into the International arrival's hall.

Participating passengers will only remove their face covering during the testing process and staff at the booths will be wearing face coverings and sanitizing the area to comply with our increased cleaning measures.

Physical distancing and normal CBSA health screening processes will also be maintained.