

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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Just one month since being launched, more than 8,000 passengers have already been enrolled in the COVID-19 International Border Surveillance Study at Pearson Airport in Toronto. The study is a joint project with Air Canada and McMaster Health Labs.

Co-principal investigators Vivek Goel and Marek Smieja are pleased with the progress to date which demonstrates the feasibility of enrolling passengers at the airport and collecting samples.

While the data analysis will be performed once specified numbers of subjects have completed follow-up testing, an initial examination has been done for quality assurance and for study monitoring purposes. No definitive conclusions can be drawn without greater enrollment and follow-up. Preliminary analyses and results are expected in late October with full analysis continuing into November.

The investigators are committed to open access for the findings of this study and ensuring they are accessible as early as possible, while meeting the requirements for scientific peer review.