

TRAVELLING FROM OVERSEAS TO CANADA BY AIR? NEW TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT

The Government of Canada has new restrictions in place for passengers coming into Canada.

Only Canadian citizens, permanent residents, and certain foreign nationals travelling for an essential purpose are able to enter Canada by air at this time. If you are a foreign national who does not fall under one of the approved exceptions*, you will be denied boarding.

NO passenger who is symptomatic of COVID-19, regardless of citizenship, will be allowed to fly.

Requirements for Air Travel

The Government of Canada has introduced a number of measures to limit the spread of COVID-19 and ensure the safety of air travel:

- ✓ Requiring passengers to wear a non-medical mask or face covering at all times during the boarding process, in-flight, when exiting the aircraft and when directed to do so by a gate agent, airport security screening personnel, or a crew member, and when travelling through Canadian airports.
- ✓ Conducting health checks and temperature screenings of all passengers before boarding.
- ✓ Notifying passengers that they may be subject to a measure taken by the federal, provincial or territorial government upon arrival at their destination in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Allowed

Non-symptomatic passengers who are:

- ✓ Canadian citizens
- ✓ Permanent residents
- ✓ Registered Indians
- ✓ Protected persons
- ✓ Foreign nationals transiting through Canada
- ✓ Foreign nationals meeting the list of approved exceptions* and travelling for an essential purpose
- ✓ Foreign nationals meeting the list of approved exceptions* and travelling to reunite with an immediate family member^T who is a Canadian citizen or permanent resident for a period of at least 15 days

Not Allowed

Passengers who are:

- ✗ Symptomatic for COVID-19 or those who have been refused boarding in the past 14 days due to a medical reason related to COVID-19
- ✗ Refusing to answer questions related to the health check, refusing to have their temperature taken, or refusing to comply with an instruction given by a gate agent, airport security screening personnel, or a crew member with respect to wearing a non-medical mask or face covering
- ✗ Foreign nationals NOT meeting the list of approved exceptions*
- ✗ Foreign nationals who meet the list of approved exceptions* and who are NOT travelling for an essential purpose or reuniting with an immediate family member^T who is a Canadian citizen or permanent resident
- ✗ Foreign nationals entering Canada to reunite with an immediate family member^T who is a Canadian citizen or permanent resident, who cannot demonstrate their intention to stay in Canada for a period of at least 15 days

Passengers providing a false or misleading declaration or refusing to wear a non-medical mask or face covering when directed could face penalties of up to \$5,000.

Important: Please note that all passengers, with a few approved exceptions*, must undergo a mandatory self-isolation period of 14 days upon arrival in Canada, regardless of whether or not they have symptoms of COVID-19. This does not apply to non-symptomatic passengers who are transiting through Canada to their final destination, or to those delivering an essential service.

No person should board a flight if feeling ill as they could potentially put others at risk. In addition, should symptoms such as a fever, cough or difficulty breathing develop while in flight, please notify the flight crew immediately.

Additional information can be found at: www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/latest-travel-health-advice.html

*Approved Exceptions for Entry into Canada (not exhaustive):

- Immediate family members^T of Canadian citizens or permanent residents
- Crew members as defined under the Canadian Aviation Regulations or the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations
- Diplomats and their immediate family members^T
- Members of the Canadian Forces or a visiting force and their immediate family
- Persons invited by the Canadian Minister of Health for COVID-19 assistance
- French citizens of Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon
- National interest cases, by invitation of the Canadian Ministers of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship or Foreign Affairs
- Special exceptions from the Canadian Chief Public Health Officer
- Persons permitted to work in Canada to provide emergency services
- Licensed health care professionals with proof of employment in Canada or a student in a health field permitted to work in Canada
- Foreign nationals holding a valid Canadian work permit or study permit

For the full list of approved exceptions, please consult Public Health Agency of Canada's Emergency Order, entitled *Minimizing the Risk of Exposure to COVID-19 in Canada Order (Prohibition of Entry into Canada from any Country other than the United States)*, made under the Quarantine Act.

^TImmediate family member (applies to specific exceptions, only when explicitly noted):

- Spouse or common-law partner
- Dependent children
- Dependent children of dependent children
- Parent or stepparent
- Guardian or tutor

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