

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

As of January 7, 2021, passengers 5 years and older flying to Canada from another country, unless exempt*, will require a negative molecular COVID-19 test (PCR or RT-LAMP) to enter Canada. This requirement is an added layer to the restriction that only Canadian citizens, permanent residents, and in limited cases, certain foreign nationals (that fall under one of the approved exceptions**) are able to enter Canada by air.

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 provide written or electronic documentation showing they received a negative molecular COVID-19 test conducted within 72 hours prior to their scheduled time of departure.
- Requiring passengers to wear a non-medical mask or face covering at all times throughout their entire travel journey. **Passengers who provide false or misleading information or refuse to wear a non-medical mask or face covering when directed could face fines.**
- Conducting health checks and temperature screenings of all passengers before boarding.
- Requiring passengers to digitally submit their travel plan, contact information and quarantine plan before their flight (unless exempt) using ArriveCAN. Violating any instructions provided to you when you enter Canada is an offence under the Quarantine Act and could lead to up to six months in prison and/or \$750,000 in fines.
- Implementing additional federal, provincial and territorial measures at passengers' destinations.

Allowed

Non-symptomatic passengers (with a negative molecular COVID-19 test) who are:

- Canadian citizens
- Permanent residents
- Registered Indians under the *Indian Act*
- Protected persons under the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*
- Foreign nationals meeting the list of approved exceptions* which includes travelling for reasons such as (but not limited to):
 - Reuniting with an immediate or extended family member* who is a Canadian citizen or permanent resident (with documentation) or a person registered under the *Indian Act*, and who can demonstrate their intention to stay in Canada for a period of at least 15 days
 - Attending a designated institution (students must have a valid study permit)
 - Transiting through Canada
- Foreign nationals travelling for authorized compassionate reasons*
- Foreign nationals authorized by the Deputy Minister of Canadian Heritage to enter Canada as a high-performance athlete taking part in or a person engaging in an essential role in relation to an international single sport event, if the athlete or the person is affiliated with a national organization responsible for that event

Not Allowed

Passengers who are:

- Not in possession of a molecular negative COVID-19 test result that meet Government of Canada requirements*
- 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 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, health check or having their temperature taken
- Foreign nationals NOT meeting the list of approved exceptions*
- Foreign nationals entering Canada to reunite with an immediate or extended family member* 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
- Foreign nationals entering Canada for compassionate reasons* that have not been authorized by the Public Health Agency of Canada

Important: Please note that all passengers, with a few approved exceptions**, **must undergo a mandatory quarantine or isolation period of 14 days upon arrival in Canada**, regardless of whether or not they have symptoms of COVID-19. **Failure to comply could lead to imprisonment and/or fines.**

This does not apply to non-symptomatic passengers who are transiting through Canada to their final destination or 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

* Unless the traveller is exempt. Exempt travellers would include: children 4 years of age or younger, current/future air crew, persons identified by the Public Health Officer, emergency personnel, transiting travellers who are not leaving the sterile area of the airport, or those travellers coming from a country that is part of Schedule I of Transport Canada's Interim Order (<https://tc.canada.ca/en/initiatives/covid-19-measures-updates-guidance-issued-transport-canada/covid-19-measures-updates-guidance-aviation-issued-transport-canada#toc2-2>).

**For the full list of approved exceptions, including the definition of an immediate or extended family member, what is considered compassionate reasons, as well as approved exceptions to mandatory quarantine, 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)* as well as the *Quarantine, Isolation and Other Obligations Order* made under the Quarantine Act.

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