

# TRAVELLING TO CANADA BY AIR? TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT

At this time, all travellers must be fully vaccinated (unless exempt\*) to enter Canada by air for discretionary purposes.

In addition, all travellers 5 years and older entering Canada will require a valid COVID-19 molecular test result in order to enter (unless exempt\*). This also applies to fully vaccinated travellers.

No traveller who is symptomatic of COVID-19, regardless of citizenship or vaccination status, 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 all travellers coming to Canada for discretionary travel (i.e. leisure purposes) to be fully vaccinated
- Requiring all travellers (even those fully vaccinated) to provide electronic or printed documentation (prior to departure) showing they are in possession of a valid COVID-19 molecular test result
- Requiring all travellers (even those fully vaccinated) to wear a non-medical mask at all times throughout their entire travel journey. Travellers who refuse to wear a non-medical mask when directed could face fines
- Conducting health checks of all travellers before boarding
- Requiring all travellers to digitally submit, within 72 hours before their flight (unless exempt), their travel information, 14-day travel history, contact information, suitable quarantine plan, and proof of vaccination (if applicable) using ArriveCAN
- Implementing additional federal, provincial and territorial measures at travellers' destinations

## Allowed to Enter Canada

Non-symptomatic travellers (with proof of a valid COVID-19 molecular test result) who are:

- Canadian citizens
- Permanent residents
- Registered Indians under the *Indian Act*
- Protected persons under the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*
- Foreign nationals who are authorized to travel based on provisions outlined in Public Health Agency of Canada's Emergency Orders which include but are not limited to: compassionate reasons, re-unification with family, and those who meet specific criteria to qualify as fully vaccinated

## Not Allowed to Enter Canada

Travellers who are:

- Not in possession of a valid COVID-19 molecular test result that meets Government of Canada requirements and are not exempt\* from the requirement
- Symptomatic for COVID-19 or 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 face mask or, health check
- Foreign nationals who do not meet the provisions outlined in Public Health Agency of Canada's Emergency Orders

\* Exempt travellers would include: children who are 4 years of age or younger, air crew members or a person who seeks to enter Canada only to become such a crew member, transiting travellers (not entering Canada through a border entry point), emergency, law enforcement or border personnel, specific individuals or groups identified by Canada's Chief Public Health Officer or the Minister of Health, or individuals or a group of individuals that have been granted an extra-ordinary exemption from Transport Canada.

A copy of Public Health Agency of Canada's Emergency Orders made under the *Quarantine Act* can be obtained at <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/corporate/mandate/about-agency/acts-regulations/list-acts-regulations.html>.

**Important:** Please note that all travellers, unless exempt or fully vaccinated, must undergo a mandatory quarantine 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 travellers 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](http://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/latest-travel-health-advice.html)



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