

# COVID-19 TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR AIR TRAVELLERS GOING TO CANADA

All travellers 5 years of age and older flying to Canada from another country are required to provide proof of a pre-departure COVID-19 molecular test within 72 hours of their scheduled time of departure to Canada\*. Other types of tests, such as antigen tests, will not be accepted. Upon arrival in Canada, travellers will also be subjected to an increased on-arrival testing program. **This applies to fully vaccinated travellers as well.**

\* In the case that the traveller has a connecting flight to Canada, the pre-departure test must be conducted within 72 hours of the scheduled departure time of the last direct flight to Canada.

## Pre-Departure Testing Requirements

Travellers will be denied boarding if they are unable to provide printed or electronic proof of a:

- negative COVID-19 molecular test taken within 72 hours of their scheduled departure
- positive COVID-19 molecular test taken at least 10 full days and no more than 180 days prior to their scheduled departure. Counting starts the day following the day of the test.

The test result must include the following information:

- Traveller's name and date of birth or age
- Name and civic address of the laboratory/clinic/facility that administered the test
- The date on which the test was conducted
- The method of test conducted (e.g. PCR or LAMP)
- The test result (such as "negative" or "not detected")

**Note:** Negative pre-departure tests will not be accepted from countries where there is an outbreak of a variant of COVID-19 or there is reasonable grounds to believe that there is an outbreak of that variant. The list of countries is determined by the Minister of Health.

**Important:** Travellers entering Canada must present a valid negative test result from a test conducted **outside** of Canada. Negative test results from tests taken in Canada prior to departure will not be accepted.

**Presenting a questionable or fraudulent document could result in the traveller being denied boarding, and subject to fines of up to \$5,000 under the *Aeronautics Act*. This could also result in additional actions being levied against the traveller by a Public Health Quarantine officer upon arrival in Canada.**

## Arrival Testing Requirements

Upon arrival in Canada, all travellers will be subjected to an increased on-arrival testing program.

All unvaccinated or partially vaccinated travellers will undergo a molecular COVID-19 test on day-1 and day-8 following their arrival and must remain in quarantine at a suitable location for a period of 14 days.

All fully vaccinated travellers will undergo a molecular COVID-19 test on day-1 and must remain in quarantine at a suitable location until the expiry of the 14-day period that began on the day on which the person entered Canada or until receipt of a negative test result from the day-1 test (whichever comes first).

Should an arrival test come back positive, or the traveller develops signs and symptoms of COVID-19 within the 14 days after entry to Canada, travellers are required to immediately isolate themselves for a period of 10 days that begins on either the date they took their test (if validated by the test provider) or the date on the test result or on the day the person developed signs or symptoms.

**Note:** Fully vaccinated travellers who have only travelled to the U.S. in the previous 14 days, may be subject to an on-arrival test; however, they will not be required to quarantine.

All travellers to Canada, even those who are fully vaccinated, must use the ArriveCAN app or website to provide their travel and contact information, 14 day travel history, suitable quarantine plan, valid COVID-19 molecular test result, and proof of vaccination information within 72 hours before their flight.

For more information on COVID-19 molecular testing, please consult: <https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid/travel-restrictions/flying/covid-19-testing-travellers-coming-into-canada>



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