



GUIDANCE MATERIAL FOR INDUSTRY

NATIONAL VACCINATION MANDATE: REMOTE ACCOMMODATIONS

Guidance for aerodrome operators and air carriers on the use of COVID-19 self-test kits for passengers travelling to and from remote locations in Canada

This document is intended to provide guidance and recommendations for industry on the interim accommodations set out in the exemptions pursuant to Transport Canada's [*Interim Order Respecting Certain Requirements for Civil Aviation due to COVID-19*](#).

Important Caveat: Nothing in this guidance document supersedes any requirement or obligation outlined in Transport Canada's Interim Order. It is meant to complement this legal document and provide guidance and recommendations on how to comply with the requirements set out in the Interim Order and its associated exemptions.

Description of Changes

Version 02 of this document, dated March 21, 2022, replaces the previous version, issued on October 30, 2021.

Due to the number of changes incorporated into this issue, readers should review the document in its entirety.

By default, it is understood that the publication of a new issue of a document automatically renders any earlier issues of the same document null and void.

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Section 1 – General

Purpose

For people living in remote communities, air travel is often the only link to essential services, usually provided in urban centres. Testing capacity being more difficult to access in these communities, the national vaccination mandate for travellers includes specific accommodations to address their situation and ensure that they will be able to travel to obtain these essential services while maintaining the health benefits of the national policy.

In order to alleviate the burden on remote travellers, Transport Canada (TC) has issued exemptions to the Interim Order that provide accommodations to allow people living in northern, remote and isolated (NRI) communities continued access to essential services by air travel. Under the exemptions, Health Canada (HC) has provided molecular COVID-19 testing kits that individuals can self-administer if they board a flight at an airport specified in the Interim Order which has been identified as a gateway airport¹.

The results of these tests are valid for 72 hours, and remote travellers can use them to demonstrate their status if they board another flight within that time period, for example, if they transfer to other flights to get to their destination or return to their communities.

Air carriers have the option of making use of the exemptions to allow unvaccinated travellers to board flights.

¹ **Gateway airport** means an airport that has been identified as a hub for travel to and from remote communities and where vaccination requirements apply (<https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid/travel-restrictions/domestic-travel#airport-list>).

Section 2 – Guidance for Aerodrome Operators at Gateway Airports

TC has gathered contact information for aerodrome operators through which individuals from remote community transit by air to receive essential services, or from which they board an aircraft to return home. As such, these aerodrome operators were identified as gateways where travellers who may not have a proof of vaccination or a valid COVID-19 test result would most likely benefit from being provided with a self-test kit.

Lucira Check It COVID-19 self-test kits have been distributed, to date, at these gateway airports on behalf of TC, by HC, and have been used since the new mandate came into force on October 30, 2021. Test type distributed as part of the vaccination mandate may change based on supply.

Aerodrome operators at gateway airports should:

- Inform air carriers with flights to/from remote locations that self-test kits are available should they be required;
- Provide the self-test kits, masks and hand sanitizer to the air carriers upon request; and
- Inform HC at contact.us.screening.kits.contactez.nous.trousse.depistage@hc-sc.gc.ca should they need more self-test kits, taking into account the time necessary for delivery.

HC has provided clear guidance on how best to administer and resource testing areas for passengers within an aerodrome ([Annex A](#)). Wherever feasible, these guidelines should be applied to ensure effective administration and analysis for the tests.

The guidelines outline that aerodrome operators should work with air carriers to provide travellers with a location where they can administer the self-test. Ideally, such a location will offer privacy, as well as:

- a garbage receptacle;
- a marker;
- paper towels or tissues;
- a way to measure time (e.g., a clock), and
- a mirror.

In order for the test to be valid, it will need to remain undisturbed on a hard, flat surface for 30 minutes, and it is therefore important that such a surface be available at, or near, the testing location.

Per the manufacturer's instructions, tests do not need to be disposed of as biohazard, but air carriers and aerodrome operators should confirm local requirements with the appropriate authorities.

Section 3 – Guidance for Air Carriers Transporting Passengers Travelling to or from Remote Locations

As part of the *Interim Order Respecting Certain Requirements for Civil Aviation due to COVID-19*, air carriers are required to confirm that travellers 12 years and four months of age and over boarding a flight at a specified airport are vaccinated or are exempt according to one of the provisions included under the Interim Order.

The traveller must present the exception documentation for either a medical contraindication, religious belief or for essential service/medical appointment (including escorts) issued by the air carrier indicating approval of the exception. The following elements must be included in the COVID-19 test result for travellers 12 years and four months of age and over:

- **Proof of a COVID-19 molecular test**
 - a **negative** COVID-19 molecular test result taken within 72 hours of your initial scheduled departure time; or
 - a **positive** test result taken at least 10 calendar days and no more than 180 calendar days before your initial scheduled departure time. Counting starts the day following the day of testing.
 - For example, if your positive COVID-19 molecular test was taken on January 1, the first day you could use it for entry into Canada by land or water would be January 11. If you're flying, the earliest scheduled departure date of your flight to Canada would be January 11; or
- **Proof of a COVID-19 antigen test**
 - A **negative** antigen test performed by an accredited lab or health care provider no more than one calendar day before your initial scheduled departure time; or
 - A **negative** self-administered antigen test that was observed by an accredited lab or health care provider no more than one calendar day before your initial scheduled departure time.

Self-administered molecular tests and antigen results are also accepted. The test must be observed by an authorized entity, the results are verified, and the requirements noted above are followed. Positive antigen test results are not accepted regardless of whether they are performed or observed by authorized entity.

If a traveller has arrived by air from a remote community in Canada at a specified airport, and is boarding a subsequent flight to another airport in Canada, or is travelling from a specified airport to a Canadian remote community, and cannot confirm vaccination or exemption status, and does not have proof of a valid COVID-19 test, they may be offered to use a COVID-19 self-test kit which will satisfy the condition of the exemption to the Interim Order.

The specific application of this alternative approach is outlined in aviation exemptions (C2022-024 and C2022-025) that have been issued to all air carriers servicing remote communities, and travellers to and from these locations.

Along with the current self-test kits, HC has provided the associated testing protocol, training material, and infographics for travellers using the current self-test kits. Alongside English and French, these documents have been translated in ten (10) Indigenous languages. An example of the infographics is found at [Schedule B](#). Should you require this information in other languages, please send a request to TC.AviationSecurity-Sureteaerienne.TC@tc.gc.ca.

If a traveller indicates that they wish to avail themselves of the self-test option, air carriers should:

- Explain to the traveller that they can be offered a self-test kit, and, after self-administering it, be allowed to board if they present a negative test result to the air carrier.
- Offer a self-test kit as well as instructions ([Schedule B](#)).
- Direct the passenger to a location where they can administer the self-test. Ideally, such a location will offer privacy as well as:
 - a garbage receptacle;
 - a marker;
 - paper towels or tissues;
 - a way to measure time (e.g., a clock); and
 - a mirror.

In order for the test to be valid, it will need to remain undisturbed on a hard, flat surface for 30 minutes, and it is therefore important that such a surface be available at, or near, the testing location. Please note that more detailed information on testing is available through HC guidance material ([Annex A](#)).

Per the manufacturer's instructions, tests do not need to be disposed of as biohazard, but air carriers and aerodrome operators should confirm local requirements with the appropriate authorities.

When the traveller has completed the self-test, they should present the result to the air carrier.

The following procedures must be followed for test results:

Results

? Invalid Result

Ready Done
COVID-19
Positive
Negative

Request another kit and repeat the test again.

- Negative Result

Ready Done
COVID-19
Positive
Negative

You may proceed with travel.
A record of this result will be valid for 72 hours.

+ Positive Result

Ready Done
COVID-19
Positive
Negative

COVID-19 was detected. **Stay calm, and please ensure you notify airline operators immediately. You may not proceed with travel.**

You must follow directions from airport staff, airline staff and local public health authorities.

Procedures for Invalid Test Result

- The air carrier may provide a second self-test kit.
- If the second result is also invalid, or if operational conditions do not allow for the air carrier to wait for a second test to be administered, the air carrier may provide a “Passenger Self-Test – Age Restriction or Invalid Test Result” form to the traveller to complete.
- The traveller may then be permitted to board the aircraft.
- TC allows air carriers maximum flexibility in developing their procedures for invalid test results.

Procedures for Negative Test Result

- The air carrier will complete the form attached in exemption C2022-024, reproduced in [Annex B](#), and hand it to the traveller.
- The air carrier informs the traveller that this document will be valid for 72 hours and can be used for other flights within that period of time.

Procedures for Positive Test Result

- The traveller must contact the local public health authority for further public health direction and case management, including for the traveller’s companions and close contacts, potentially including other travellers.
- See [Schedule C](#) for a list of contacts for the jurisdiction of each gateway airport.

No Self-Test Kits Available

If no self-test kits are available at the airport, travellers are permitted to board as per exemption C2022-025, and should be informed that they will need to be tested the next time they board a flight at a specified airport. The air carrier should complete and give the traveller a “Passenger Self-Test – No Test Available” form which states that they have not been tested but are permitted to travel under the exemption ([Annex C](#)). In addition, the air carrier should contact the aerodrome operator immediately to requests more test kits.

Children Ages Between 12 Years and Four Months and 14 Years

As the tests are valid for persons 14 years of age and older, persons who are 12 years and four months of age or older, but under the age of 14 will be issued a “Passenger Self-Test – Age Restriction or Invalid Test Result” form. They will not have to administer the self-test, and will still be allowed to board.

Data Reporting Requirements

As per Interim Order requirements, the air carrier must inform TC (at TC.AviationSecurity-Sureteairienne.TC@tc.gc.ca) of any denials of boarding within 72 hours. In addition, the elements below must be submitted to TC on a weekly basis.

Exemption C2022-024 – Administering Self-Test Kit

Air carriers must retain a record with the following elements for a period of at least 12 months after the day on which the record was created and provide it to the Minister of Transport each week for each flight on which this exemption is used. The record must include:

- The name of the air carrier and the period the record covers;
- The location of the flight’s arrival and departure;
- The total number of passengers on the flight;
- The number of passengers who used a self-administered test kit and had a negative result;
- The number of passengers who used a self-administered test kit and had an invalid result;
- The number of passengers who used a self-administered test kit and had a positive result, if the air carrier was informed; and

- The number of passengers who were issued a “Passenger Self-Test – Age Restriction or Invalid Test Result” form.

Exemption C2022-025– No Self-Test Kits Available

Air carriers are required to retain a record of the following elements for a period of at least 12 months after the day on which the record was created and provide it to the Minister of Transport each week for each flight on which this exemption is used. The record must include:

- The name of the air carrier and the period the record covers;
- The location of the flight’s arrival and departure;
- The total number of passengers who received a “Passenger Self-Test – No Test Available” form; and
- The total number of passengers who provide a valid COVID-19 molecular test results carried out by an accredited laboratory.

To support air carriers in fulfilling their reporting obligations, TC has implemented a digital reporting process using the Electronic Collection of All Transportation Statistics (ECATS) website. Information entered in ECATS is collected pursuant to the *Canadian Transportation Act* and the *Statistics Act*.

ECATS replaces the reports which were previously submitted via the Remote Community Exemption Reporting MS Form. The MS Form will no longer be available as of March 28, 2022.

In order to request your credential and submit your report, please complete the following:

Step One: Create an ECATS account by contacting tcreporting-rapportstc@tc.gc.ca.

- Please include the following to request your credentials:
 - Company name;
 - Company identification (as it appears on your air operator certificate);
 - Your name and title (must be authorized to complete the survey on behalf of the company); and
 - Business email address (your login credentials will be sent to this address).

Step Two: Once you have your credentials, complete your report(s) by logging in to https://stats.tc.gc.ca/vax_surveys/login.aspx.

- Select the “Remote Community Exemption” report assigned to your account;
- Enter the data fields; and
- Save and submit.

For questions or concerns about ECATS, please contact TC.AviationSecurity-Sureteaerienne.TC@tc.gc.ca.

Section 4 – Contact Information and Other Guidance/Resources

Contact office for aerodrome operators and air carriers:

- For general enquiries, contact TC's Aviation Operations Centre:
1-877-992-6853 or 613-992-6853
operations.aviation@tc.gc.ca
- To report incidents or emergencies, contact the Transport Canada Situation Centre:
1-888-857-4003
- To report denials of boarding, contact:
TC.AviationSecurity-Sureteaerienne.TC@tc.gc.ca
- To order new test kits, contact HC at:
contact.us.screening.kits.contactez.nous.trousse.depistage@hc-sc.gc.ca

Contact office for passengers:

- For questions on this guidance or the information contained in the annexes, passengers should contact:
1-800 O-Canada (1-800-622-6232)

Other guidance/resources:

- For information on the mandatory COVID-19 vaccination requirements for federally regulated transportation employees and travellers, visit:
<https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2021/10/mandatory-covid-19-vaccination-requirements-for-federally-regulated-transportation-employees-and-travellers.html>
- For information on COVID-19 measures, updates, and guidance for aviation issued by TC, visit:
<https://tc.canada.ca/en/initiatives/covid-19-measures-updates-guidance-issued-transport-canada/covid-19-measures-updates-guidance-aviation-issued-transport-canada>
- For information on the proof of vaccination for Indigenous peoples and Northerners in remote communities, visit:
<https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1635354950168/1635354976951>

Annex A – Health Canada Testing Protocol for Lucira Check It COVID-19 Test Kits

Purpose

To provide guidance for aerodrome operators and air carriers and their staff responsible for administering the test kits to serve unvaccinated travellers from northern, remote, and isolated (NRI) communities.

This testing protocol for Lucira Check It COVID-19 Test Kit (Lucira Check It) outlines the approach for its use by unvaccinated passengers travelling to and from NRI communities, who will require confirmation of a negative COVID-19 molecular test result prior to travelling from “gateway” airports identified in [Schedule A](#).

This testing protocol is specific to the use of Lucira Check It in this context and should not be used to inform use of this or other test(s) in other situations or settings.

Eligibility

As of October 30, 2021, a traveller 12 years and four months of age and over has the following options that allows them to travel by air domestically:

1. **Provide proof of vaccination** (applies to all travellers in Canada);
2. **Provide proof of a COVID-19 molecular test** (applies to all travellers in Canada)
 - a. a **negative** COVID-19 molecular test result taken within 72 hours of your initial scheduled departure time; or
 - b. a **positive** test result taken at least 10 calendar days and no more than 180 calendar days before your initial scheduled departure time. Counting starts the day following the day of testing; or
3. **Provide proof of a COVID-19 antigen test** (applies to all travellers in Canada)
 - a. A **negative** antigen test performed by an accredited lab or health care provider no more than one calendar day before your initial scheduled departure time; or
 - b. A **negative** self-administered antigen test that was observed by an accredited lab or health care provider no more than one calendar day before your initial scheduled departure time; or
4. **Present proof of a negative self-administered molecular test result through a test provided by the air carrier** (applies to those flying to/from remote communities only);
or
5. **Present proof of completion of a 10-day quarantine under public health requirements prior to travel** (applies to those flying to/from remote communities only).

Recognizing that there are challenges to vaccination, as well as limited access to COVID-19 testing in NRI communities, this protocol supports an interim approach for unvaccinated travellers from NRI communities to meet the testing requirement identified above.

Guiding Principles

Testing is not an alternative to vaccination. Vaccination offers the most effective protection from COVID-19 to individuals and communities. A test for COVID-19 reflects the individual's status at the time of the test. Even with a negative test result, all travellers, including those from NRI communities, are strongly encouraged to follow all public health preventive practices, including:

- Self-monitoring for symptoms and staying home when sick;
- Completing required symptom screening protocols before arriving at the airport;
- Maintaining at least two meters of physical distance from others at the airport;
- Always wearing a non-medical mask indoors, even when physical distancing can be maintained;
- Wearing a non-medical mask outdoors when physical distancing cannot be maintained; and
- Washing hands or using hand sanitizer with at least 70% alcohol content.

To realize the health benefits of federal vaccination policy for domestic travel, travellers on flights from gateway airports, or on flights to NRI airports, are required to provide proof of vaccination, proof of having undergone a 10-day quarantine under public health requirements prior to travel, or a valid COVID-19 molecular test.

Unvaccinated travellers should be encouraged to access, where capacity is available, community-based molecular COVID-19 testing.

However, to ensure all travellers coming from, or transiting to, NRI communities have access to molecular testing, the Government of Canada has provided self-administered Lucira Check It COVID-19 molecular test kits to Canadian air carriers that transport travellers to and from remote communities (set out in [Schedule A](#)) at no charge.

At gateway airports, air carrier staff provide these test kits, along with clear HC approved instructions, to all travellers that do not have proof of vaccination, proof of quarantine, or proof of valid COVID-19 molecular tests, prior to checking in for any flight to remote communities or to southern destinations.

Limited additional test kits will be provided to air carriers at southern airports for travellers beginning their multi-flight transit back to a remote community.

Air carrier staff provide travellers with documentation of their negative Lucira Check It test result, which permits unvaccinated travellers to board any connecting flights without need for another test result for 72 hours (i.e., the test result allows the traveller to board multiple flights).

The Lucira Check It is a single-use molecular test authorized for over-the-counter use. The disposable test kit consists of one nasal swab, a sample vial that contains the elution buffer

(test solution), a test unit that contains the reagents for target amplification and an electronic readout, batteries and a disposal bag. Lucira Check It provides test results in approximately 30 minutes. Travellers are also provided with a medical face mask and sanitizing wipe for use at the gateway airport.

COVID-19 Testing of Unvaccinated Travellers from Northern, Remote and Isolated Communities

Wherever possible, unvaccinated travellers from NRI communities are encouraged to access local molecular COVID-19 testing in their communities prior to travel. Travel for essential purposes may allow community based molecular testing at no cost to the traveller.

Recognizing that access to testing is often limited in NRI communities, travellers departing from NRI communities are not required to provide proof of vaccination or a negative molecular COVID-19 test, until reaching a connecting gateway airport. Prior to departing the NRI community, travellers should be clearly informed by the air carrier of the requirement to take a self-administered test at the gateway airport, as well as the consequences of positive test results or of refusing to test, i.e., they will not be permitted to travel onward unless they test negative.

Upon arrival at gateway airports, travellers from NRI communities who are scheduled to board connecting flights to other airports must present themselves to the air carrier staff (or their designated representative) at the check-in gate to provide the following:

- **Proof of their vaccination status;**
- **Proof of having undergone a 10-day quarantine under public health requirements prior to travel;**
- **Proof of a COVID-19 molecular test**
 - a **negative** COVID-19 molecular test result taken within 72 hours of your initial scheduled departure time; or
 - a **positive** test result taken at least 10 calendar days and no more than 180 calendar days before your initial scheduled departure time. Counting starts the day following the day of testing.
- **Proof of a COVID-19 antigen test**
 - A **negative** antigen test performed by an accredited lab or health care provider no more than one calendar day before your initial scheduled departure time; or
 - A **negative** self-administered antigen test that was observed by an accredited lab or health care provider no more than one calendar day before your initial scheduled departure time.

More information on this can be found here: [Travel: proof of vaccination for Indigenous peoples and Northerners in remote communities \(sac-isc.gc.ca\)](https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/en/travel-proof-of-vaccination-for-indigenous-peoples-and-northerners-in-remote-communities).

Where Lucira Check It tests are available at the gateway airport, travellers without such proof are required to undertake a self-administered molecular COVID-19 test and provide validation of a negative result before further travel.

The air carrier will provide self-administered test kits to the traveller, to self-administer on-site along with a mask and a sanitizing wipe. Once the traveller shows the result to air carrier staff, they will receive documentation that includes the traveller's name, date, type of test, and result (see next section on "Administering the Lucira Check It Self-test"). The traveller can use this form as proof of a negative test result for the flight and potentially subsequent flights if the test was conducted within 72 hours of the scheduled departure time.

Refusal to undertake the self-administered COVID-19 test could result in denial of boarding for onward travel beyond that point. The air carrier should be prepared to engage with individuals who may refuse testing.

Administering the Lucira Check It Self-test – Roles / Responsibilities

Role of the Aerodrome/Airport Operator:

- Order and receive Lucira Check It tests, and maintain inventory (see section on "Acquiring Lucira Check It Tests");
- Store tests according to manufacturers' guidelines (see section on "Test Storage");
- Make tests available to air carriers;
- Provide a designated testing area (see section on "Administering the Test") and
- Follow guidance provided for federally regulated air carriers on personal protective equipment required for handling the tests and disinfecting surfaces.

Role of the Air Carrier:

- Provide a test, mask, sanitizing wipe and HC-approved instructions to travellers that require tests;
- Record the "Test Kit #" found on the box provided to each passenger (required in the event of a recall or passenger does not report back the result);
- Direct the traveller to assemble and administer the test, including:
 - Providing a permanent marker in the dedicated testing space to enable travellers to write their name on the side of the test; and
 - Reminding the passenger that the name written on the test kit should be the same as the name on any identification used for travel purposes;
- Clearly display or make available to the traveller infographics (see [Schedule B](#)) with instructions on how to administer the test
 - Air carrier staff should be available to answer questions about the administration of the test to the best of their knowledge.
- Read the results after the test is finished and complete a form (provided by TC), which will include:

- Traveller's first and last name (the name written on the test kit should be the same as the name on any identification used for travel purposes);
- Location of test (i.e., airport name);
- Date of test;
- Time of test result;
- Type of test (Lucira Check It COVID-19 Test Kit); and
- Result of test.
- Retain a record of the elements listed under section 3 for a period of at least 12 months after the day on which the record was created and provide it to the Minister of Transport on a weekly basis for each flight on which the exemptions are used via ECATS.

Note: Wherever possible, it is recommended that air carriers walk over to the traveller's test device to note the results so that the traveller does not have to pick up and carry the test device.

Role of the Traveller:

- Use a permanent marker to write your name (the same name as on identification used for travel purposes) on the side of the test kit;
- Clean your hands, and clean the testing area before use (hand sanitizer is sufficient);
- Assemble and administer the self-test following the HC approved instructions (see [Schedule B](#));
- Clean testing area after use, and clean hands again (hand sanitizer is sufficient);
- When the test is complete, show the air carrier staff the results of your test;
- Obtain documentation for travel from the air carrier, demonstrating proof of the molecular test result; and
- Once the results have been recorded, dispose of the test kit according to the directions provided in the airport.

Storage and Usage of Test Kits

Test kits must always be stored and used at an ambient temperature (15-30°C / 59-86°F). Storage and use at lower (e.g., 5°C) or higher (e.g., 45°C) temperatures can give result in invalid results.

Aerodrome operators or air carriers should provide designated spaces for individuals self-administering the test, individuals awaiting test results and for individuals isolating any due to a positive cases test result.

Administering Testing

The test must be placed on a hard flat surface (e.g., table) for administration and cannot be moved once the test is initiated. The testing space should allow for adequate distancing (e.g., two meters) from other people during the testing process.

The designated space for testing should allow for traveller privacy as travellers may be uncomfortable swabbing or performing the test in a public setting or be concerned about being recognized as unvaccinated. Finally, space should be provided to ensure that the test is not disturbed or moved for up to 30 minutes until the result appears.

Provision should be made for appropriate cleaning and disinfection of the self-testing area/ station before and after each traveller using the station according to guidelines for federally regulated sectors. The local public health authority should be consulted regarding the most appropriate disposal of the materials generated in the self-testing area and overall cleaning recommendations for the airport (see [Schedule C](#) for a list of provincial and territorial health authorities).

Recommended equipment to facilitate testing includes tables and chairs, barriers (to separate travellers administering the test), mirrors (for participant to use while swabbing), disinfectant wipes (or spray and paper towel), hand sanitizer, gloves, paper towels, pens, markers, large garbage and/or biohazard waste bins. Medical face masks and a sanitizing wipe must be given to every traveller who is given a test kit so that it's available for participants who test positive.

Aerodrome operators establishing testing within the airport are encouraged to consult the [Creative Destruction Lab Rapid Screening Consortium](#) (CDL RSC) for support in establishing the testing programs. CDL RSC is a non-profit organization working to develop innovative systems to implement rapid screening programs across Canada. The following resources are available:

- [Screening site set-up](#) (materials, station layout);
- [Screening site operations](#) (sample collection and analysis, waiting for results, waste management, communicating results); and
- [Regulatory operations](#) (regional/provincial public health guidelines).

Testing Instructions

Air carriers should verify that test kits are sealed and that the packaging is intact before providing them to a traveller. Prior to using the kit, the traveller should verify if any test kit components appear damaged or open. If there appears to be any damage, the traveller should report the damage and obtain a replacement from the air carrier staff (or their representative).

For definitive and detailed instructions regarding use of Lucira Check It, please follow the full [instructions for use](#) as well as the [package insert](#) that comes with the test and includes the following key information on page 2:

- Set up test;
- Swab both nostrils;
- Stir swab and run test;
- Do not move the test until it has provided the result; and
- Read results.

Training Resources

- Lucira Check It [package insert](#)
- Lucira Check It full [instructions for use](#)
- Lucira Check It [video](#)

A simplified infographic has been developed to support use of the test by participants in an airport setting (see [Schedule B](#)).

Considerations for use of Lucira Check It Self-tests

- [Leave kit components](#) sealed in foil pouch until just before use;
- Proper sample collection and sample handling are essential for correct results;
- Do not touch swab tip when handling swab sample;
- Do not use any kit components with visible damage;
- Do not use the kit components after their expiration date; however, some test kits may have received an extended expiration date where HC would have shared with air operators the information and associate test kit lot numbers;
- Choose a level location to do this test where you can let the test sit undisturbed for 30 minutes;
- All kit components are single use items and must not be used with multiple specimens;
- Dispose of kit components and test samples according to all local regulations; and
- Do not move the test kit while waiting for results.

Waste Disposal

The [instructions for use](#) for Lucira Check It indicate that once completed, the unit should be placed in plastic disposal bag provided and disposed of in trash. The manufacturer has confirmed that batteries can be removed and used for other purposes prior to disposal.

In some jurisdictions, COVID-19 self-test kits, PPE and contaminated material are considered a biohazard and must be disposed in an appropriate biohazard container. Similarly, batteries may be considered hazardous waste and should be disposed of based on the regulations in that jurisdiction. The air carrier/aerodrome operator should consult with their local public health authority to confirm requirements in their jurisdiction and then follow the directions provided.

Interpreting Test Results

Negative Test Result:

- A negative result means COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) was not detected in the traveller's swab sample.

- The air carrier will record the result on a TC form required for onward travel and is valid for up to 72 hours.
- The traveller may proceed with onward travel by air.
- The traveller must continue to follow all local public health measures.

Positive Test Result:

- A positive result means COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) was potentially detected in the traveller’s swab sample. Although they may not have any symptoms, they may be infectious and could potentially spread the virus.
- The traveller **cannot** proceed with onward travel by air.
- The traveller **must not** repeat the test to try to obtain a negative result.
- The traveller must wear the medical face mask they were given at the airport and be directed to a pre-determined isolation space within the airport to safely isolate away from others.
- The local public health authority must be contacted for further direction regarding confirmatory testing, isolation, and further management etc.
- The local public health authority must be consulted for advice regarding the management and onward air travel of the traveller’s companions and close contacts (potentially including other travellers on prior flights), as they may also be required to self-isolate at a provincial/territorial isolation centre or other site designated by public health and undergo further testing. In addition, the local public health authority must be consulted on proper waste disposal of tests and PPE.
- Aerodrome operators and air carriers may access the 24/7 system from TC for support.

Invalid Test Result:

- An invalid result means that the test could not detect whether the traveller’s swab sample contained COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2).
- The traveller must:
 - Re-read and confirm understanding of the instructions on the test kit; and
 - **Repeat the rapid test using a new test kit** obtained from the air carrier (air carrier to provide additional support or supervision to traveller as needed).
- If the second test is also invalid, or if operational conditions do not allow for the air carrier to wait for a second test to be administered, the air carrier may provide a “Passenger Self-Test – Age Restriction or Invalid Test Result” form to the traveller to complete.
- The traveller may then be permitted to board the aircraft.

Traveller Agreement

Before leaving an NRI community, unvaccinated travellers should be advised that they will need to undertake testing at the gateway airport for onward travel or a return flight if they are unvaccinated or if they do not have a negative molecular COVID-19 test result taken within 72 hours of departure. Should they undergo testing at the gateway airport and receive a positive

result, they will not be able to travel further and will be required to isolate in the gateway community based on local public health guidance.

HC recommends that travellers are provided with the necessary information to ensure they understand the risks and impacts of a positive result as well as how their personal information is stored, and their privacy protected. Travellers should provide their agreement to testing at the gateway airport prior to departing an NRI airport to travel to the gateway airport, and prior to receiving the test.

Acquiring Lucira Check It Tests

HC has placed the first order of tests, which will be sent directly to gateway airports. Volumes were estimated based on current travel numbers and estimated needs. Further shipments will follow to ensure there is sufficient supply to meet the demand.

Airports should maintain an inventory tracker which should include lot numbers and expiry dates. Airports should also confirm regularly that the inventory will meet expected need plus a surplus and inform HC as soon as possible if the inventory is low. Shipping times will vary across Canada but are expected to be lengthier for remote and/or northern locations.

Airports should reorder tests from HC by sending the number of rapid tests requested, name and coordinates of the shipping contact person, full delivery address, as well as name of gateway airport to: contact.us.screening.kits.contactez.nous.trousse.depistage@hc-sc.gc.ca.

Information on usage along with existing inventory will determine the number of confirmed test kits shipped by HC.

Receiving Tests

Aerodrome operators are required to complete the following once they receive the tests:

- Review the packing slip for the expected quantity and ensure this matches the quantity received;
- Keep the packing slip in a secure file;
- Inspect boxes and kits for any major exterior damage;
- Record the number of kits received and store by expiry date (note the 12-month expiry on Lucira Check It);
- Keep shipments together and place kits to be used first on more accessible shelves (e.g., first to expire); and
- Follow the manufacturer's test specifications for storage conditions (must be stored between 15-30°C / 59-86°F at all times).

Damaged Tests

To report rapid tests that have been damaged in transit, please notify HC at contact.us.screening.kits.contactez.nous.trousse.depistage@hc-sc.gc.ca immediately and provide photos, along with product details and count, as well as the suspected cause or source of the damage. Please indicate to HC if you need the damaged tests to be replaced immediately. You may then set aside the damaged supply and follow HC instructions.

If any issues are detected by or reported to TC regarding medical devices, including testing devices for COVID-19 distributed by HC Testing Secretariat, please report the issues to nessregulatory-reglementationrnsu@phac-aspc.gc.ca. A form is included in [Schedule D](#) that will need to be completed and submitted to the email address above.

Reporting Use of Tests

Use of Lucira Check It tests must be reported by air carriers to TC on a weekly basis for each flight on which they are used via ECATS.

Exemption C2022-024 – Administering Self-Test Kit

Air carriers must retain a record with the following elements for a period of at least 12 months after the day on which the record was created and provide it to the Minister of Transport each week for each flight on which this exemption is used. The record must include:

- The name of the air carrier and the period the record covers;
- The location of the flight's arrival and departure;
- The total number of passengers on the flight;
- The number of passengers who used a self-administered test kit and had a negative result;
- The number of passengers who used a self-administered test kit and had an invalid result;
- The number of passengers who used a self-administered test kit and had a positive result, if the air carrier was informed; and
- The number of passengers who were issued a "Passenger Self-Test – Age Restriction or Invalid Test Result" form.

Exemption C2022-025 – No Self-Test Kits Available

Air carriers are required to retain a record of the following elements for a period of at least 12 months after the day on which the record was created and provide it to the Minister of Transport each week for each flight on which this exemption is used. The record must include:

- The name of the air carrier and the period the record covers;
- The location of the flight's arrival and departure;

- The total number of passengers who received a “Passenger Self-Test – No Test Available” form; and
- The total number of passengers who provide a valid COVID-19 molecular test results carried out by an accredited laboratory.

The test kits are Government of Canada property, and the aerodrome operator is responsible for their management and use. The test kits are only for use for the national vaccination mandate and may not be transferred, sold, given, or otherwise disposed of, including in exchange for any compensation.

Schedule A – List of Gateway Airports

Please see the list of gateway airports with the vaccination requirement at:
<https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid/travel-restrictions/domestic-travel#airport-list>.

Province / Territory	Airport	Airport Code
Yukon	Whitehorse	CYXY
Northwest Territories	Yellowknife	CYZF
Nunavut	Iqaluit	CYFB
Newfoundland and Labrador	Deer Lake	CYDF
	Gander	CYQX
	Goose Bay	CYYR
	St Anthony	CYAY
	St. John's	CYSJ
	Wabush-Labrador	CYWK
Nova Scotia	Halifax	CYHZ
Quebec	Chibougamau	CYMT
	La Grande Rivière	CYGL
	Mont Joli	CYYY
	Montréal	CYUL
	Québec	CYQB
	Rouyn-Noranda	CYUY
	Sept-Îles	CYZV
	Val d'Or	CYVO
	Lourdes-de-Blanc-Sablon	CYBX
Ontario	Hamilton	CYHM
	Kingston	CYBK
	London	CYXU
	North Bay	CYYB
	Ottawa	CYOW
	Sudbury	CYSB
	Thunder Bay	CYQT
	Timmins	CYTS
	Toronto (Pearson)	CYYZ
	Toronto (Billy Bishop Toronto City)	CYTZ
	Manitoba	Brandon
Thompson		CYTH
Winnipeg		CYWG
Saskatchewan	Prince Albert	CYPA
	Regina	CYQR
	Saskatoon	CYXE

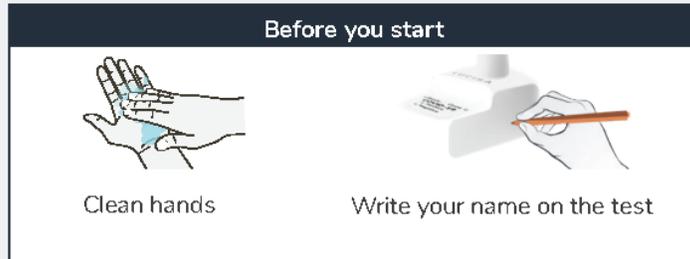
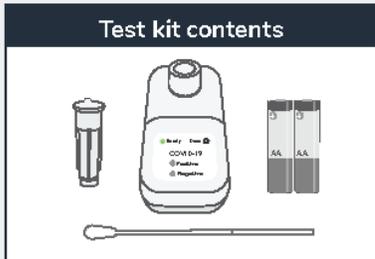


Alberta	Calgary	CYCY
	Edmonton	CYEG
	Fort McMurray	CYMM
	Grande Prairie	CYQU
	Lethbridge	CYQL
	Medicine Hat	CYXH
	Red Deer	CYQF
British Columbia	Campbell River	CYBL
	Comox	CYQQ
	Dawson Creek	CYDQ
	Fort St. John	CYXJ
	Kelowna	CYLW
	Nanaimo	CYCD
	Prince George	CYXS
	Prince Rupert	CYPR
	Quesnel	CYQZ
	Smithers	CYYD
	Terrace	CYXT
	Vancouver	CYVR
	Victoria	CYYJ
	Williams Lake	CYWL

Schedule B – Infographic for Participant Use – Test Kit Instructions

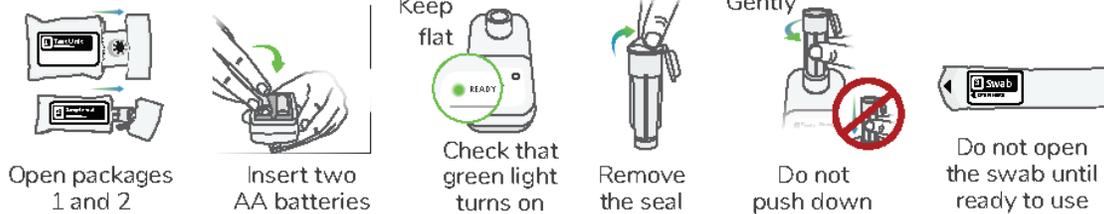
Lucira Check It COVID-19 Test Kit Instructions

Read all instructions before you start.

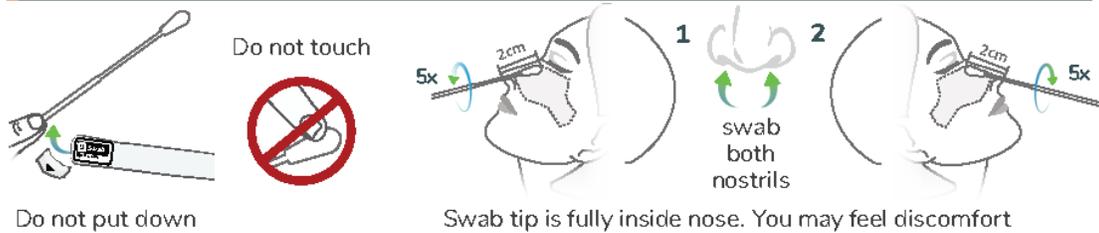


Do the test on a flat surface. Find a place where you will not be disturbed because the device must not move during the 30 minutes of the test. Please ask for assistance if you have difficulty with these instructions. You may find having a mirror helpful.

1 Set up your test



2 Swab nostrils



3 Stir swab in vial



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4 Run the test



READY light should blink within 5 seconds. If not, press down harder on vial

Wait 30 minutes



Do NOT move the test



When finished, show your airline operator the result



Follow airline staff instructions to dispose of the test kit

Results

? Invalid Result



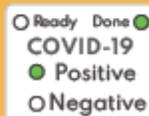
Request another kit and repeat the test again.

- Negative Result



You may proceed with travel. A record of this result will be valid for 72 hours.

+ Positive Result



COVID-19 was detected. **Stay calm, and please ensure you notify airline operators immediately. You may not proceed with travel.**

You must follow directions from airport staff, airline staff and local public health authorities.



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Schedule C – List of Public Health Contacts at Gateway Airports

Government of Canada:

1-833-784-4397 or visit www.canada.ca/coronavirus

Provincial and Territorial Public Health Contacts:

Alberta: 811	British Columbia: 811	Manitoba: 1-888-315-9257
New Brunswick: 811	Newfoundland and Labrador: 811 or 1-888-709-2929	Northwest Territories: 811
Nova Scotia: 811	Nunavut: 1-888-975-8601	Ontario: 1-866-797-0000
Prince Edward Island: 811	Quebec: 1-877-644-4545	Saskatchewan: 811
Yukon: 811		

Schedule D – Issue Notification Form for Medical Devices including Testing Devices for COVID-19 Distributed by the HC Testing Secretariat or PHAC

If any issues are detected with medical devices including testing devices for COVID-19 distributed by HC Testing Secretariat or PHAC, please report the issues to the PHAC at nessregulatory-reglementationrnsu@phac-aspc.gc.ca.

Medical Device, including Personal Protective Equipment	
Product Name:	
Product Description:	
Model Number:	Lot/Batch Number:
Manufactured on:	
Serial Number/UPC/Bar Code:	Expiry Date:
Manufacturer of the Product	
Manufacturer Name:	Address (if known):
Date product was received (yyyy-mm-dd):	
Issue	
Who identified the issue (e.g., health care professional, logistics, end user, etc.)	
Date issue occurred or was noticed (yyyy-mm-dd):	Number of products affected:
Were affected products located in the same lot/batch (yes or no):	Were similarly affected products found in other lots/batches (yes or no):
Has the product been further distributed (yes or no):	
Description of Issue (required) :	
Do you have any supporting documentation, labels or pictures? (Y/N) (e.g., picture of the damage/defect or of the product label)	
Please attach supporting documentation, labels or pictures to the email.	

Point of Contact	
Province/Territory:	
Contact Name (first name, last name):	
Title:	
Email:	
Cell Phone (including area code):	Work Phone (including area code):
Contact for this issue (if different than above)	
First Name:	Last Name:
Email:	
Cell Phone (including area code):	Work Phone (including area code):

General Notice

PHAC may share any information and material provided in, and submitted in relation to, this form with, and for the use by, other Government of Canada entities including departments, agencies and organizations, as well as third parties.

Privacy Notice

The personal information you provide to PHAC will be used by the COVID-19 PPE Strategy Team under the *Medical Device Regulations and Food and Drugs Act* and handled in accordance with the *Privacy Act*.

Why are we collecting your personal information?

We require your personal information to assess the nature of the report and to monitor problems with medical devices, such as personal protective equipment (PPE), test kits, etc. that it has distributed. Personal information may be used to conduct follow-up; to monitor the safety and efficacy of distributed medical devices and PPE; for compliance and enforcement activities; to request safety and efficacy information from the manufacturers, health care professionals / practitioners / facilities and other users of marketed medical devices for the purpose of post-market surveillance of medical devices, to report to senior management, or to complete a trend analysis.

Will we use or share your personal information for any other reason?

PHAC will share your information with HC and manufacturers of the identified medical devices when required for the purposes of, for example, following up with HC or manufacturers when a product safety or quality concern is observed.

What are your rights?

You have the right to access and request a correction and/or notation to your personal information. You also have a right to complain to the Privacy Commissioner of Canada if you feel your personal information has been handled improperly. For more information about these rights, or about how we handle your personal information, please contact Regulatory Affairs and Quality Assurance: nessregulatory-reglementationrnsu@phac-aspc.gc.ca.

Annex B – Federal Vaccine Mandate – Passenger Self-Test – Negative Result

<<Insert air carrier logo and address here>>

Section 1: Traveller Details

Full name	Date of birth
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Section 2: Test information

Test Type	Lucira Check It COVID-19 Molecular Test Kit
Test Result	NEGATIVE
Date test administered (DD/MM/YY)	
Time test administered (HH:MM)	

Section 3: Privacy and Information Sharing

The personal information in this form may be provided to Transport Canada for the purpose of audit and enforcement. The Minister of Transport may collect this personal information pursuant to the *Aeronautics Act*. In the event that any personal information is provided to Transport Canada, it will only be used and disclosed by Transport Canada in accordance with the *Privacy Act*. The personal information collected is described in the relevant personal information bank. Under the provisions of the *Privacy Act*, individuals have the right of access to correction of and protection of their personal information. Instructions for obtaining personal information are provided in Info Source, a copy of which is available in major public and academic libraries or online at <http://infosource.gc.ca>.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

A person who provides information to an air carrier that is known to be false or misleading may be subject to an administrative monetary penalty or other enforcement action, including prosecution under the *Criminal Code*.

During travel, each traveller must carry with them the necessary proof to demonstrate, upon request, compliance with the *Interim Order* or its exemptions.



Annex C – Federal Vaccine Mandate – Passenger Self-Test – No Test Available

<<Insert air carrier logo and address here>>

Section 1: Passenger Details

Full name	Date of birth
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Section 2: Air Carrier Confirmation

I hereby confirm that the passenger named above should have been given a Lucira Check It COVID-19 molecular test but that none are currently available at the aerodrome OR that the passenger named above is between 12 and 4 months and 14 years of age.

Full name	
Signature	
Date (DD/MM/YY)	
Aerodrome	

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