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 (e.g. a PCR or RT-LAMP test) within 72 hours of their scheduled time of departure to Canada*. Upon arrival in Canada, travellers will also be required to undergo a second COVID-19 test.

* 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.

Types of Tests Accepted

Tests must be performed using a COVID-19 molecular test, such as a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) or reverse transcription loop-mediated isothermal amplification (RT-LAMP) test. Other types of tests, such as antigen tests, will not be accepted.

For a complete list of accepted tests, please visit https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid/travel-restrictions/flying.

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 time
- positive COVID-19 molecular test taken between **15 and 90 days** prior to departure

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")

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

All travellers are required to undergo a COVID-19 molecular test upon arrival to Canada. While travellers are awaiting their test results, they must remain at a Government-approved accommodation for **up to three nights**. The costs associated to both the COVID-19 test and the stay will be at the **traveller's expense**.

Should the test result be negative, travellers will be able to leave but must quarantine at their final destination for the remainder of their 14-day quarantine (under significantly increased surveillance and enforcement). If the test result is positive, travellers will be required to immediately quarantine for the remainder of their 14-day quarantine in a federally designated quarantine facility that will be monitored by Public Health Officials.

Exceptions to Testing

There are only a limited number of exceptions where an individual is exempt from pre-departure and arrival testing. These include, but are not limited to:

- Children who are four 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 port);
- Emergency, law enforcement or border personnel; and
- Specific individuals or groups identified by Canada's Chief Public Health Officer or the Minister of Health.

Important: Anyone who receives a COVID-19 molecular test result and is authorized to enter Canada must still complete the full, mandatory 14-day quarantine, unless exempted under the *Quarantine Act*.

All travellers will have their quarantine plans reviewed by a government official and, if the plan is not suitable, the traveller will be required to quarantine in a federally designated quarantine facility. Travellers to Canada must use the ArriveCAN app or website and provide accurate contact information and their mandatory 14-day quarantine plan on or before entry.

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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