



Immediate Requirement to Quarantine for Certain Quarantine Exempt Travellers who have Travelled to Countries other than Canada or the United States within the past 14 days to Mitigate the Spread of the Omicron Variant

Pursuant to subsection 1.3(1) of the *Minimizing the Risk of Exposure to COVID-19 in Canada Order (Quarantine, Isolation and Other Obligations)* (the Order) made under section 58 of the *Quarantine Act*, as amended from time to time; having considered the factors in subsection 1.3 (3) of the Order, and in order to address the immediate risks posed by the emergence of the Omicron variant of the COVID-19 virus, I, as Chief Public Health Officer (CPHO), impose the conditions and requirements set out below.

Application

These conditions and requirements apply to the following persons otherwise normally exempt from quarantine under the Order who enter Canada by air or by land, and who:

- a) were in a country other than Canada or the United States within the 14 days prior to entry into Canada;
- b) were not in a country where there is an outbreak or risk of an outbreak of the Omicron variant of COVID-19, as determined by the CPHO pursuant to the *Minimizing the Risk of Exposure to COVID-19 in Canada Order (Prohibition of Entry in to Canada Specified Countries)*; and
- c) are normally exempt from quarantine only on the basis of their status as:
 - a fully vaccinated person referred to in s.4.9 of the Order; or
 - a person with a contraindication to vaccination referred to in section 4.92 of the Order; and
- d) Are required to be tested when entering Canada under s.2.3 of the Order.

Conditions and Requirements

The above noted travellers must:

1. Quarantine themselves without delay in a suitable place in accordance with s.3.1(2) of the Order and with the requirements set out in sections 4.1 to 4.4 of the Order;
2. Remain in quarantine until the expiry of the 14-day period that begins on the day on which the person enters Canada, or until receipt of a negative test result from the on arrival COVID-19 molecular test, whichever comes first;
3. Report their arrival at, and the civic address of, their place of quarantine within 48 hours after entering Canada to the Minister of Health, screening officer or quarantine officer, by way of any means instructed by a screening officer, a quarantine officer or the Minister of Health, unless they are a member of a class of persons who, as determined by the Minister of Health, are unable to report that information by those means for a reason such as a disability, inadequate infrastructure, a service disruption or a natural



disaster, in which case the reporting must be done in the form and manner and at the time specified by the Minister of Health;

4. Should they receive a positive COVID-19 test result for a test conducted upon entry or within the 14 days after entry to Canada, have reasonable grounds to suspect they have COVID-19 or develop signs and symptoms of COVID-19:
 - a. Without delay, report the positive test result or signs and symptoms to the Public Health Agency of Canada by any means instructed by a screening officer, a quarantine officer or the Minister of Health, unless they are a member of a class of persons who, as determined by the Minister of Health, are unable to report that information by those means for a reason such as a disability, inadequate infrastructure, a service disruption or a natural disaster, in which case the reporting must be done in the form and manner and at the time specified by the Minister of Health;
 - b. Isolate themselves in accordance with the requirements set out in Part 5 of the Order for a 10-day period that begins on:
 - i. in the case of a person who develops signs and symptoms of COVID-19, the day on which the person developed signs and symptoms of COVID-19, or
 - ii. in the case of a person who receives a positive result,
 - (A) the date when the specimen collection was validated by the test provider and indicated by the test provider to the Minister of Health, screening officer or quarantine officer, or
 - (B) if there is no date for when the specimen collection was validated by the test provider, the test result date that was indicated by the test provider to the person or to the Minister of Health, screening officer or quarantine officer.
 - c. Report their arrival at, and the civic address of, their place of isolation within 48 hours to the Minister of Health, screening officer or quarantine officer, by way of any means instructed by a screening officer, a quarantine officer or the Minister of Health, unless they are a member of a class of persons who, as determined by the Minister of Health, are unable to report that information by those means for a reason such as a disability, inadequate infrastructure, a service disruption or a natural disaster, in which case the reporting must be done in the form and manner and at the time specified by the Minister of Health.
5. If upon entry or within the 14-day period that begins on the day on which the person enters Canada, someone who travelled with a person subject to these additional requirements and conditions receives a positive COVID-19 test result, or develops signs and symptoms of COVID-19, the person subject to these additional requirements and conditions must quarantine themselves without delay in accordance



with Part 4 of the Order, during the 14-day period that begins on the day on which the person subject to these additional requirements and conditions was most recently exposed to the person with whom they travelled, in accordance with any instructions provided by a quarantine officer or screening officer.

Should extraordinary circumstances arise, a quarantine officer may release persons identified above from any of these additional conditions or requirements, or vary these conditions or requirements, in accordance with any applicable guidance I, as CPHO, may provide.

The terms of this decision prevail over those in the Order to the extent of any inconsistency.

These conditions and requirements will be published on the Public Health Agency of Canada's List of Acts and Regulations website as soon as possible, and come into effect at 00:01:00 EST on December 7, 2021 and remain in effect until 00:01:00 EST on January 31, 2022, or until otherwise repealed.

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Administratrice en chef de la santé publique

December 6, 2021

Date