

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

**Important:** Fully vaccinated travellers and any unvaccinated children under the age of 12 who accompany their fully vaccinated parent, step-parent, guardian or tutor are not required to provide a pre-departure COVID-19 test result to board their flight to Canada.

All unvaccinated travellers 5 years of age and older flying to Canada from another country continue to be required to provide proof of a COVID-19 test result prior to boarding their flight to Canada.

## Pre-Departure Testing Requirements

All unvaccinated travellers will be denied boarding if they are unable to provide printed or electronic proof of:

### COVID-19 Molecular Test Result

- a negative COVID-19 molecular test result performed by an accredited laboratory or testing provider within 72 hours of the flight's initial scheduled departure time\*; or
- a previous positive test result taken at least 10 calendar days and no more than 180 calendar days before the flight's initial scheduled departure time\*. Counting starts the day following the day of testing.

### COVID-19 Antigen Test Result

- A negative antigen test result performed by an accredited laboratory or testing provider no more than one calendar day before the flight's initial scheduled departure time\*.

### Self-Administered Tests

- Self-administered molecular and antigen test results are also accepted provided they are 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.

\* In the case that the traveller has a connecting flight to Canada, the pre-departure test must be conducted within the appropriate timeframe based on the last direct flight to Canada.

All test results must include the following information:

- The person's name and date of birth;
- The name and civic address of the accredited laboratory or testing provider that performed or observed the test and verified the test result;
- The date the specimen was collected and the test method used;
- The test result.

**Note:** Negative pre-departure tests will not be accepted from countries where there is an outbreak of a variant of COVID-19 or there are 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

Fully vaccinated travellers and any unvaccinated children between the age of 5–12 who accompany their fully vaccinated parent, step-parent, guardian or tutor will undergo a COVID-19 test on-arrival if randomly selected; however, they are not required to quarantine. Children under the age of 5 will not be subject to on-arrival testing or required to quarantine.

Unvaccinated travellers will undergo a COVID-19 test on-arrival and on day-8 following their arrival and will be required to quarantine for a period of 14 days.

All travellers to Canada, even those who are fully vaccinated, must use the ArriveCAN app or website to provide the required information within 72 hours before their flight.

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



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