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 COVID-19 test result prior to boarding their flight to Canada. Upon arrival in Canada, travellers may also be subjected to on-arrival testing. **This applies to fully vaccinated travellers as well.**

Pre-Departure Testing Requirements

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

Upon arrival in Canada, all travellers may be subjected to an on-arrival COVID-19 test (unless exempt).

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

All fully vaccinated travellers will undergo a COVID-19 test if randomly selected; however, they are not required to quarantine.

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.

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 test result, and proof of vaccination 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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