

# TRAVELLING FROM OVERSEAS TO CANADA BY AIR? TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT

As of January 7, 2020, travellers 5 years and older flying to Canada from another country, unless exempt\*, will require a valid COVID-19 molecular test result (e.g. a PCR or RT-LAMP test) to enter Canada. This requirement is an added layer to the restriction that only Canadian citizens, permanent residents, and certain foreign nationals (in limited cases) are able to enter Canada by air.

No traveller who is symptomatic of COVID-19, regardless of citizenship, will be allowed to fly.

## Requirements for Air Travel

The Government of Canada has introduced a number of measures to limit the spread of COVID-19 and ensure the safety of air travel:

- Requiring travellers to provide electronic or printed documentation (prior to departure) showing they are in possession of a valid COVID-19 molecular test result.
- Requiring travellers to wear a non-medical mask at all times throughout their entire travel journey. Travellers who provide false or misleading information or refuse to wear a non-medical mask when directed could face fines.
- Conducting health checks and temperature screenings of all travellers before boarding.
- Requiring travellers to digitally submit their travel plan, contact information and quarantine plan before their flight (unless exempt) using ArriveCAN.
- Implementing additional federal, provincial and territorial measures at travellers' destinations.

## Allowed to Enter Canada

Non-symptomatic travellers (with proof of a valid COVID-19 molecular test result) who are:

- Canadian citizens
- Permanent residents
- Registered Indians under the Indian Act
- Protected persons under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act
- Foreign nationals who are authorized to travel based on provisions outlined in Public Health Agency of Canada's Emergency Order entitled [Minimizing the Risk of Exposure to COVID-19 in Canada Order \(Prohibition of Entry into Canada from any Country other than the United States\)](#), which include but are not limited to: compassionate reasons, re-unification with family, and travel for essential reasons

## Not Allowed to Enter Canada

Travellers who are:

- Not in possession of a valid COVID-19 molecular test result that meets Government of Canada requirements\*
- Symptomatic for COVID-19 or those who have been refused boarding in the past 14 days due to a medical reason related to COVID-19
- Refusing to comply with an instruction given by a gate agent, airport security screening personnel, or a crew member with respect to wearing a non-medical mask or face covering, health check or having their temperature taken
- Foreign nationals who do not meet the provisions outlined in Public Health Agency of Canada's Emergency Order entitled [Minimizing the Risk of Exposure to COVID-19 in Canada Order \(Prohibition of Entry into Canada from any Country other than the United States\)](#)

**Important:** Please note that all travellers, with a few approved exceptions, **must undergo a mandatory quarantine or isolation period of 14 days upon arrival in Canada**, regardless of whether or not they have symptoms of COVID-19. **Failure to comply could lead to imprisonment and/or fines.**

This does not apply to non-symptomatic travellers who are transiting through Canada to their final destination or those delivering an essential service.

No person should board a flight if feeling ill as they could potentially put others at risk. In addition, should symptoms such as a fever, cough or difficulty breathing develop while in flight, please notify the flight crew immediately.

Additional information can be found at: [www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/latest-travel-health-advice.html](http://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/latest-travel-health-advice.html)



\* Unless the traveller is exempt. Exempt travellers would include: children who are 4 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 entry point), emergency, law enforcement or border personnel, specific individuals or groups identified by Canada's Chief Public Health Officer or the Minister of Health, or individuals or a group of individuals that have been granted an extra-ordinary exemption from Transport Canada.

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