Travel to Canada: Requirements for COVID-19 vaccinated travelers

Before you travel to Canada, check the requirement on the website below:

https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid/travel-restrictions/covid-vaccinated-travellers-entering-canada

Government of Canada temporarily suspending mandatory random arrival testing at all airports

testing at all airports

As part of the structured plan to move COVID-19 testing out of airports, the Government of Canada is temporarily suspending mandatory random arrival testing at all airports for travellers who qualify as fully vaccinated until mid-July.

There are **no changes** to mandatory random arrival testing at land borders.

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Check if you qualify as a fully vaccinated traveller

To qualify as a fully vaccinated traveller to Canada, you must:

- have received at least 2 doses of a COVID-19 vaccine accepted for travel, a mix of 2 accepted vaccines
  - or at least 1 dose of the Janssen/Johnson & Johnson vaccine
- have received your **second** dose at least 14 calendar days before you enter Canada
  - Example: if your second dose was anytime on **Thursday, July 1**, then **Thursday, July 15** would be the first day that you meet the 14 day condition
  - this timing is only required for your second dose, not for third or fourth doses
- have no signs or symptoms of COVID-19
- have ArriveCAN receipt with letter A, I, or V beside your name by uploading proof of vaccination in ArriveCAN

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Accepted vaccinesIf your proof of vaccination is not in English or FrenchWhat is not accepted as a fully vaccinated traveller

Checklist of what you need to have ready at the border

To enter or return to Canada as a fully vaccinated traveller, you must follow all of these requirements.

Whether you're driving or flying, have the following items with you for assessment by a government official at the border (land border crossings do not provide WiFi for travellers):

- ☐ [ArriveCAN receipt with letter A, I, or V beside the vaccinated traveller's name](#)

- ☐ [Proof of vaccination that was uploaded into ArriveCAN (original or paper copy)](#)

- ☐ [Prepare for arrival testing if selected](#)

- ☐ Travel document entered in ArriveCAN (e.g. passport)

For travellers boarding a cruise ship, visit the [Cruise ship travel](#) page for requirements specific to cruise ships.

Pre-entry testing is not required

Pre-entry tests are not required for fully vaccinated travellers entering Canada by land, air or water. **You must still use ArriveCAN** within 72 hours before your arrival to Canada.

Unvaccinated and partially vaccinated children under the age of 12 are not required to provide a valid pre-entry test result, if they are accompanying a fully vaccinated adult.

Children who are less than 5 years old are not required to test, regardless of their vaccination status.

Mandatory use of ArriveCAN (account, proof, help)

ArriveCAN continues to be mandatory for all travellers to Canada. **It is also required to qualify for the fully vaccinated traveller exemption from quarantine and testing.** If

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you don't submit your travel information and proof of vaccination using ArriveCAN you could be fined $5,000.

You **must use the ArriveCAN mobile app or sign in on a computer** to enter your proof of vaccination and travel information.

- To be ready for your trip, create your free ArriveCAN account
- Proof of vaccination and travel documents can be saved in your ArriveCAN traveller profile before any planned travel
- To get an ArriveCAN receipt, submit your travel and vaccination information within **72 hours** before your arrival to Canada
  - **If you arrive by boat (including ferry), submit when you enter Canada**
  - For travellers boarding a cruise ship, visit the Cruise ship travel page for requirements specific to cruise ships

No smartphone or short trip? You still need to enter your information and submit in ArriveCAN up to 72 hours before your arrival in Canada or before a short trip outside Canada. Sign in to ArriveCAN from a computer to get your ArriveCAN receipt. Print your receipt and take it with you when you travel. You can also have someone submit your travel information on your behalf.

Upload proof of vaccination in ArriveCAN before you travel

Troubleshooting vaccination issues in ArriveCAN

You couldn't upload proofNo receipt from ArriveCANGetting emails or calls about quarantine or testingYour ArriveCAN receipt doesn't include the letters A, I, or V

- ArriveCAN general troubleshooting and help
- Contact ArriveCAN

People entering by land who haven't completed ArriveCAN and obtained their receipt will be informed by a Border Services Officer of the requirements to submit their information through ArriveCAN. You may be allowed to:

- provide information on entry if there's no history of previous ArriveCAN non-compliance, (if it's operationally feasible)
- choose to return to the U.S. to complete your submission and re-enter (note, if you're a foreign national, you must return to the U.S. to complete your submission)

If you don't provide your information through ArriveCAN, you may be subject to:

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- quarantine
- Arrival and Day-8 testing
- possible enforcement for non-compliance including potential fines of $5,000 per infraction (plus applicable provincial surcharges)

Arrival tests if selected

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Upon your entry to Canada by air or at a land border crossing, the border services officer may notify you that you've been randomly selected for a mandatory arrival test.

As a fully vaccinated traveller, you can travel to your destination, including on connecting flights, without waiting for your arrival test results (if selected for testing).

Who must take an arrival test if selected to do so upon arrivalAlready recovered from COVID-19

Air travellers: register in advance for arrival testing

If you're landing in one of the airports listed below, you may be selected for mandatory random testing. If selected, you'll be required to get tested before exiting the airport with on-site testing. To speed you through the process, register in advance with the testing provider for the airport you'll arrive at.

If your airport doesn't provide on-site testing, you may be still required to complete an arrival test using a self-swab test kit. However, you don't need to register in advance with the testing provider in this situation.

On-site airport test providers

When you register, use the same email address you used for your ArriveCAN account.

- Toronto (YYZ) - LifeLabs

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Completing your arrival test

Use only the test kits that you received at the border, not any other test kits you may have. The instructions, web links and telephone numbers are all provided in the kit.

Follow the directions you receive on arrival to complete your test:

- if you were directed to a testing service at the airport, you're required to register with the testing service provider, and the provider will collect your sample before you exit the airport. Most travellers will be notified of their test result within 72 hours
- if you are provided with a self-swab kit, either at the airport or at a land border crossing, use the instructions in the kit to complete it within 24 hours of entering Canada. Most travellers will be notified of their test result within 4 to 7 days.

If you haven't received your test result in these time frames, you should contact your test provider.

You may not receive your test result if:

- you provided incorrect contact information
- information is missing
- the test is still being processed
- there's an inconclusive result

Fines and consequences of failing to complete the testing requirements

Your arrival test results

You can take connecting flights and trains without waiting for your arrival test results.

Fully vaccinated travellers arriving from any country aren't required to quarantine while awaiting their test result, if you're randomly selected for a mandatory arrival test.

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[You must use ArriveCAN to enter Canada](#)
You must use ArriveCAN within 72 hours of your entry into Canada

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