

Mobility: immigration alert

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Quarantine and travel restriction updates for CoPR holders

Executive summary

Beginning 6 July 2021, fully vaccinated travellers who are permitted to enter Canada will no longer be subject to the full 14-day federal government quarantine or an 8th day COVID-19 test, provided they have obtained a negative COVID-19 test upon arrival in Canada. Fully vaccinated air travellers will also no longer be required to complete a 3-day quarantine in a government-authorized hotel. Fully vaccinated travellers include those who have received the full series of a vaccine (or combination of vaccines) accepted by the Government of Canada (Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD, and Janssen - Johnson & Johnson) at least 14 days prior to arriving in Canada. In order to qualify for the quarantine exemption, fully vaccinated travellers will be required to upload documentation evidencing their vaccination status into the ArriveCan app before entering Canada. Pre- and on-arrival testing continues to be required. There are no changes to Canada's current quarantine measures for travellers who are not fully vaccinated.

Travel restrictions have been extended until 21 July 2021 including limitations on non-essential travel to Canada. Flight restrictions limiting international flights to four Canadian airports in Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto and Montreal will continue and the current ban on commercial and private passenger flights from India will remain in place until 21 July 2021.

Background and analysis

Canada announced phase 1 of easing of border measures on 21 June 2021. The updated quarantine measures will come into effect on 5 July 2021 at 11:59 p.m. EDT and apply to those already [permitted to travel to Canada](#) and who have been fully vaccinated by one of the vaccines approved in Canada. Travellers continue to be subject to any [provincial or territorial restrictions and requirements](#). In order to qualify for the 14-day quarantine exemption, the mandatory hotel stay exemption, and the 8th day COVID-19 testing exemption, travellers must electronically submit proof of their COVID-19 vaccination and isolation plan information into the ArriveCAN app in advance of arrival in Canada. Travellers must also be asymptomatic, have completed their pre-arrival molecular COVID-19 test within 72-hours of their scheduled flight to Canada/arrival at a land border or provide a positive test result taken between 14 and 90 days prior, be tested upon arrival, and have a suitable quarantine plan in place in the event of a positive result or a finding that they did not meet the conditions for the exemption.

Apart from the easing of quarantine and hotel requirements, general entry to Canada restrictions will remain in place at least until 21 July 2021, including between the Canadian and U.S. border. Travel to Canada for optional or discretionary purposes, such as tourism and many business visits (non-essential travel) is still not permitted.



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It was also confirmed on 21 June 2021 that the existing international flight restrictions will continue limiting international flights to four Canadian airports, (Montréal-Trudeau International Airport, Toronto Pearson International Airport, Calgary International Airport and Vancouver International Airport) and the travel ban for direct commercial and private passenger flights from India will also be extended to 21 July 2021.

Also of note, any foreign national who holds a valid Confirmation of Permanent Residence (CoPR) will now be allowed to travel to Canada. Previously, only those who held a Confirmation of Permanent Residence approved on or before 18 March 2020 could enter the country. Foreign nationals who hold expired CoPRs will be able to renew these documents in the coming weeks. Expired CoPR holders should not make any travel arrangements until they have obtained new CoPRs for travel.

What this means

All travellers will now be required to disclose COVID-19 vaccination information including whether, which, and when they received a COVID-19 vaccine.

- ▶ Fully vaccinated travellers currently permitted to travel to Canada will be exempted from the full 14-day quarantine requirement, 8th day COVID-19 test, and the hotel stay if they meet the requirements for the quarantine, mandatory hotel, and 8th day test exemption.
- ▶ Optional and discretionary travel to Canada will continue to be restricted for foreign nationals for at least another month including between the Canadian and American border.
- ▶ The ArriveCan app will be updated to include the vaccination information questions and will be available online by 5 July 2021. Travellers should ensure that they update the app prior to travel to Canada.
- ▶ Approved permanent resident applicants with a valid Confirmation of Permanent Residence can now travel to Canada.
- ▶ Children who are not vaccinated will be exempted from the mandatory hotel requirement if they are accompanying fully vaccinated parents.
- ▶ Provincial and territorial restrictions may apply and should be reviewed in advance of travel.
- ▶ The Government of Canada continues to strongly advise Canadians to avoid non-essential travel worldwide.

EY Law will continue to monitor the travel restrictions and quarantine requirements and provide updates as they arise.

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