

# Mobility: immigration alert

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## Canada

### Mandatory random testing of fully vaccinated air travelers set to resume

#### Executive summary

On 14 July 2022, the federal government announced that mandatory random COVID-19 testing for fully vaccinated air travelers will resume on 19 July 2022. Testing will be limited to international travelers arriving to Canada at four major airports: Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto, and Montreal, and the testing will happen offsite for arriving travelers and within terminal for transiting passengers.

#### Background and analysis

Ottawa had initially paused mandatory random testing of fully vaccinated travelers on 11 June 2022 primarily due to lengthy delays at major airports. All unvaccinated or partially vaccinated travelers were still subject to COVID-19 testing over the course of the past month.

Testing will now be moved away from the airports to off-site locations such as pharmacies. Those selected for a mandatory random test will receive an email notification within 15 minutes of completing their customs declaration, which will provide instructions on how to arrange for a test. Tests will be completed either at an in-person appointment or via a virtual self-swab appointment.

Those selected for a mandatory random test must complete the test within one (1) day of arrival in Canada. Anyone who tests positive will need to isolate for 10 days from the date of the test result, regardless of the isolation requirements of their destination province/territory.

#### What this means

The government has indicated that random testing of international travelers will help monitor the level of COVID-19 coming into Canada and will also help to detect new COVID-19 variants. As summer travel is well underway, it is important to review all COVID-19 testing and arrival requirements prior to travelling to Canada in addition to reviewing the requirements as may be applicable to the country of departure.

Use of the government's free ArriveCAN app by all travelers coming from an international destination is still mandatory and can be completed up to 72 hours prior to arrival in Canada.

Should you have any questions about Canada's current travel restrictions, please do not hesitate to contact your EY Law LLP professional.



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