TRAVELLING FROM THE U.S. TO CANADA BY AIR? NEW COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT

The Government of Canada has new restrictions in place for travellers coming into Canada from the U.S. Only Canadian citizens, permanent residents, and certain foreign nationals travelling for essential purposes are able to enter Canada by air at this time. Discretionary or optional travel for recreation, tourism or cultural entertainment is not allowed.

Approved Exceptions:

- Immediate family members of Canadian citizens or Permanent Residents
- Consular cases for reuniting immediate family members
- Air/marine crew members repositioning for duty
- Diplomats and their immediate family members
- Persons invited by the Canadian Minister of Health for COVID-19 assistance
- Members of a visiting military force and their immediate family, by invitation
- French citizens of Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon
- National interest cases, by invitation of the Canadian Ministers of Public Safety Canada, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada or Foreign Affairs
- Special exception from the Canadian Chief Public Health Officer
- Foreign nationals holding a valid Canadian work permit (e.g., temporary foreign workers)
- Students holding a valid Canadian study permit
- Foreign nationals holding a Confirmation of Permanent Residence to become a landed permanent resident

Not Allowed

Travellers that are:

- Symptomatic for COVID-19
- Foreign Nationals who do not meet one of the approved exceptions*
- Foreign Nationals travelling for discretionary or optional purposes
- Foreign Nationals transiting through Canada with a layover of more than 24 hours

Important: Please note that all travellers, with a few exceptions, must undergo a mandatory self-isolation period of 14 days upon arrival in Canada, regardless of whether or not they have symptoms of COVID-19. This does not apply to non-symptomatic travellers who are transiting through Canada to their final destination, or to 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:


*Immediate family member (applies to specific exceptions, only when explicitly noted):

- Spouse or common-law partner
- Dependent children
- Dependent children of dependent children
- Parent or step parent
- Guardian or tutor

Allowed

Non-symptomatic travellers that are:

- Canadian citizens
- Permanent residents
- Registered Indians
- Protected persons
- Foreign Nationals transiting through Canada
- Foreign Nationals appointed by the Chief Public Health Officer under the Public Health Agency of Canada Act
- Foreign Nationals meeting one of the approved exceptions*, and travelling for essential or non-discretionary purposes
- Foreign Nationals travelling for essential or non-discretionary purposes and who have remained in in the U.S. or Canada for the last 14 days

Health Check consists of questions and visual observation