COVID -19 Travel Advisory Information: International Students

Travel Advisory Points

- As of February 21, 2021, the Government of Canada strengthened COVID-19 restrictions for international travelers entering Canada by air and land.

- International students must reserve their 3-night stay at a government-authorized hotel at their point-of-entry in Canada prior to arriving in the country.

- Call in advance to reserve your hotel stay:
  - ➢ 1-800-294-8253 (toll-free within North America)
  - ➢ 1-613-830-2992 (collect outside of North America)
  - ➢ Regular hours of operation: 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. ET, 7 days a week. Calls received after hours will be limited to emergencies.
  - ➢ A full list of government-authorized hotels can be found on the Government of Canada website.

- Students are encouraged to register for their COVID-19 arrival test in advance to speed up airport testing. The pre-entry test registration is found on the Government of Canada website in the Flying to Canada Checklist.

- International students arriving by air must provide proof of a negative COVID-19 molecular test within 72 hours of their scheduled departure time.
  - ➢ International students must download and use the ArriveCAN app for the duration of their travel - from their home country, to point-of-entry in Canada, to their quarantining place of residence in Saskatchewan.

- When arriving in Canada, students must take a COVID-19 test before leaving the airport.
  - ➢ At this time, students will receive a COVID-19 test kit to be completed on day 10 of quarantine.

- International students will be transported to their hotel for the 3-day quarantine period.

- When the student receives a negative test result they will be able to checkout of the hotel, receive transportation to the airport and fly to Saskatchewan where they will continue to isolate for the remaining days left of their 14-day quarantining period.

- Students cannot leave quarantine until they receive a negative test result from the Public Health Authority of Canada (PHAC).

- On day 10 of the student's quarantine, they must self-administer another COVID-19 test virtually/remotely with the supervision of a health care professional (e.g. registered nurse).

- Students must stay in quarantine until they receive a negative test result, even if they exceed their 14-day quarantine. If a test is inconclusive or positive, an officer from PHAC will contact the student with further information.
  - ➢ When a testing result is inclusive, PHAC will send another test kit for the student to take.
  - ➢ If the student tests positive for COVID-19 during their quarantine period, they will begin an additional 14-day quarantine.

- There are stipulations on where students can quarantine for the remainder of their 14 days. In these limited circumstances, a government representative will confirm consent:
  - ➢ You cannot quarantine in a place where you will have contact with people who:
    - ⁻ are 65 years or older;
    - ⁻ have underlying medical conditions;
    - ⁻ have compromised immune systems;
    - ⁻ work or assist in a facility, home or workplace that includes at-risk populations, including:
      - Nurses, doctors, other healthcare professionals, personal support workers, and social workers;
      - First responders, such as paramedics; and
      - Cleaning and maintenance staff, receptionists and administrative staff, food services staff, volunteers, and essential visitors to those living in long-term care facilities.
  - ➢ You cannot quarantine in group living environments.
    - ⁻ Some examples include:
      - shelters, group homes, group residences, hostels, industrial camps, construction trailers or other group setting;
      - a student residence (unless you've received prior authorization);
  - ➢ a small apartment you share with others;

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- a shared household with a large family/ families or a high number of people; and

- shared living spaces with house mates who haven't travelled with you that you cannot avoid interacting with.

  - You may only quarantine with people in these situations if:

    - they consent to the quarantine or are the parent or minor in a parent-minor relationship; and

    - you complete a form with a government representative at the port of entry explaining the consent and receive authorization to proceed.

- Students can only leave their place of quarantine when granted permission from PHAC. This is only after the student has received a negative COVID-19 test result and has quarantined a minimum of 14 days after receiving the negative result.

- International students will be offered the vaccine free of charge. They will follow the priority sequencing set out by the province.

This information has been collected as a summary for your convenience. Please visit the Government of Canada website for detailed information regarding travel restrictions when travelling to and from Canada.

Student Travel Q & As

1. Can I register in advance to take the COVID-19 test when I arrive in Canada to save time at the airport?

- Yes, you can register in advance to take the COVID-19 test when you arrive at a Canadian airport.

- Please select your arrival city below to register in advance for your COVID-19 test at the airport.

  - Montreal

  - Toronto – This link also registers you in advance for your Day-10 test

  - Calgary

  - Vancouver

2. When and how do I book a government-authorized hotel for my 3-day quarantine at the point of entry? What is included in the cost of the hotel?

- You will need to reserve your 3-night stay at a government-authorized hotel prior to arriving at your Canadian point-of-entry.

- To reserve your hotel stay, call the number below during regular hours of operation (8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. ET). Calls accepted after hours will be limited to emergencies.

  - **1-800-294-8253** (toll-free within North America)

  - **1-613-830-2992** (collect outside of North America)

Rates for a selection of government authorized-hotels are listed below. When booking, ask the hotel what is included within their rate. These are not the only hotels available to you. A full list of government-authorized hotels can be found on the Government of Canada website.

Hotel	Daily Rate ($CDN)
*Prices are subject to change. Prices do not include taxes.	
Vancouver	
Days Inn by Wyndham Vancouver Airport	$650 (may be lowered to $500-600 per night)
Four Points by Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel	$450 single $675 double occupancy
Westin Wall Centre Vancouver Airport	$525
Calgary	
Acclaim Hotel	$275
Calgary Airport Marriott In Terminal Hotel	$389
Toronto	
AH Hotel Pearson Airport	$339
Fairfield Inn and Suites	$305
Sheraton Gateway Hotel in Toronto International Airport	$319

3. Do I need to download the ArriveCAN app before I land in Canada?

- Yes, you will need to download the ArriveCAN app prior to your arrival in Canada.

- ArriveCAN is available for iOS, Android and online.

- This app is how you will submit your information easily and securely upon arrival to Canada and throughout your quarantine period.

4. Will I be required to take a COVID-19 test prior to boarding my flight to Canada?

- You must take a COVID-19 test within 72 hours of your scheduled flight departure time for Canada.

- You will need to keep proof of your negative test result for the 14-day quarantine period in Canada.

- Airlines will refuse boarding if you are unable to provide a valid negative COVID-19 test result.

5. Will I be required to complete a COVID-19 test at the airport when I land at my point-of-entry in Canada?

- Yes, on your arrival into Canada, you will be required to take a COVID-19 test before you leave the airport.

- At this point, you will be given COVID-19 test kit to use on day 10 of your quarantine. Please make sure not to lose

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this test kit as you will need it later in your quarantine period. If you lose your kit, please contact the COVID-19 information line at **1-343-548-2273** between the hours of **8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.**, Monday to Friday.

- After completing the COVID-19 test at the airport, you will be required to go to your reserved hotel to await the test results.

6. How will I get to the hotel from the airport for the 3-day quarantine period?

- You will be transported to your hotel to complete your 3-day quarantine.

7. Who do I call if I have any questions or need to report COVID-19 symptoms during my 3-day hotel quarantine?

- You can contact the front desk of your hotel for information.

- You can contact the COVID-19 Information Line at **1-343-548-2273** between the hours of **8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.**, Monday to Friday.

8. How will I receive my COVID-19 test results from the test I took at the airport when I arrived in Canada?

- You are required to stay in your room at the hotel until you receive a negative test result.

- You will be contacted with the results of your test.

  ➢ **Negative test result:** you can call the hotel front desk and check-out of your hotel.

  ➢ **Positive test result:** you be required to stay in your room. A Public Health Agency of Canada official will contact you with further instructions. You will be required to quarantine in a Designated Quarantine Facility for 14 days.

  ➢ **Inconclusive result:** if you did not receive your results after 3 days or the test results came back as inconclusive, you are required to stay in your room. A Public Health Agency of Canada Official will call you with additional details and instructions.

9. After I have completed my 3-day quarantine, how will I get to my connecting flight to Saskatchewan?

- After receiving notification of your negative result, you will be transported from your hotel back to the airport for your connecting flight to Saskatchewan.

10. Will I have to pay my airline to rebook my connecting flight from my point-of-entry to Saskatchewan?

- If you need to rebook your **Air Canada** connecting flight to Saskatchewan, you can do so without having to pay any change fees or fare difference. You will need to either contact your travel agent or call Air Canada at 1-888-247-2262 for booking assistance.

- If you need to rebook your **West Jet** connecting flight

to Saskatchewan, you can do so without having to pay change fees. When rebooking your flight, you will need to pay the difference in fare upon changing your flight. You must request a change to your flight plans more than 24 hours from departure. You will need to either contact your travel agent or call West Jet at 1-888-937-8538 for booking assistance.

11. When I land at the airport in Saskatchewan, do I need to take another COVID-19 test at the airport?

- No, you will not need to take a COVID-19 test upon arrival at any of the Saskatchewan airports.

- You will need to follow your quarantine plan provided to you by the Saskatchewan institution you are enrolled with.

  ➢ The quarantine plan will provide you with the steps and information you need from the time you leave one of Saskatchewan's airports to your place of quarantine where you will spend the remaining 14 days of quarantine.

12. When I arrive in Saskatchewan, do I have to quarantine for the full 14-days?

- • When you arrive in Saskatchewan you will quarantine for the remainder of the 14 days, unless otherwise notified by an official from the Public Health Agency of Canada.

  ➢ For example: Upon arrival in Canada, you will spend 3 days quarantining in your hotel room. You will then travel to Saskatchewan and complete the remaining 11 days of quarantine at your pre-arranged room/residence.

13. Who can I call if I have any questions during my quarantine period in Saskatchewan?

- You can call a representative from the institution you are enrolled at or a representative at the place you are quarantining. The contact information will be included in your quarantine package.

- You can contact the COVID-19 Information Line at **1-343-548-2273** between the hours of **8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.**, Monday to Friday.

14. Will our quarantine period be monitored by the Government of Canada?

- Yes, your compliance with the quarantine requirements is subject to verification and enforcement.

- You will be called from 1-888-336-7735 and will be visited by a screening officer or law enforcement to verify your compliance during your 14-day quarantine. You will receive calls with a pre-recorded message and email reminders of your obligations.

- Those in violation may be transferred to a quarantine facility, face fines, and/or imprisonment.

- Note that you may also be contacted by provincial or

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territorial authorities throughout the 14-day period.

- If federal and provincial or territorial guidelines differ, you should follow the strictest requirements.

15. How do I take my COVID-19 test on Day 10 of my quarantine?

- You will need to register and link the COVID-19 test barcode through an online patient portal. Please register your test kit on the first day you arrive in Canada – this information is included in your test kit.

- On day 10 of your quarantine, you will be required to take a self-administered COVID-19 test with supervision of a Registered Nurse through a telehealth virtual appointment. This is done using the testing kit you would have received upon your arrival into Canada.

- After completing the COVID-19 test, it will be picked up and sent for processing.

- After your COVID-19 test has been processed, the results of the test will be provided to:
  - You
  - Saskatchewan Public Health Authority
  - Public Health Agency of Canada's Quarantine Case Management System

- Please see the following picture for a sample of the COVID-19 Day 10 test kit.

16. In Saskatchewan, can I leave my quarantine room after I completed my 14-day quarantine period?

- You must stay in the room you are quarantining until you are notified of a negative test result from your Day 10 COVID-19 test <u>and</u> have completed your 14-day quarantine period.
  - If the Day 10 COVID-19 test provides an inconclusive testing result, the Public Health Agency of Canada will send another test kit. You will be required to take the test virtually with the supervision of a health care professional.
  - If the student tests positive for COVID-19 during their quarantine, they will begin an additional 14-day isolation.

- If you are not contacted with your Day 10 COVID-19 test results after the 14-day quarantine period, you must stay in your room. You will be contacted by an officer from the Public Health Agency of Canada to provide you with further information.

17. Can I leave my place of quarantine after I received a negative Day 10 test result and completed my minimum of 14-day quarantine?

- Yes, you can check out of your place of quarantine. The institution you are enrolled at will provide you with instructions on your next steps after completing your quarantine.

- You can refer to your quarantine plan, as well.

18. Will I be eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine while I am studying in Saskatchewan?

- Yes, you will be eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine free of charge in Saskatchewan. Please be sure to apply for a Saskatchewan Health Card when you are eligible to do so. Vaccines will be delivered following the priority sequencing set out by the province.

- For more information about obtaining a Saskatchewan Health Card please contact the institutions you are enrolled at or visit the Saskatchewan eHealth website.

Where can I get more information?

We strongly encourage you to visit the Government of Canada website for further information on travel restrictions while entering and leaving Canada.

Photo taken prior to COVID-19 Public Health Orders.

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