

# TRAVELLING FROM THE U.S. TO CANADA BY AIR? NEW TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT

The Government of Canada has new restrictions in place for passengers coming into Canada from the U.S.

Only Canadian citizens, permanent residents, and certain foreign nationals travelling for an essential purpose are able to enter Canada by air at this time. Discretionary or optional travel for recreation, tourism or cultural entertainment is not allowed.

**NO passenger** who is symptomatic of COVID-19, regardless of citizenship, will be allowed to fly.

## Requirements for Air Travel

The Government of Canada has introduced a number of measures to limit the spread of COVID-19 and ensure the safety of air travel:

- ✓ Requiring passengers to wear a non-medical mask or face covering at all times during the boarding process, in-flight, when exiting the aircraft and when directed to do so by a gate agent, airport security screening personnel or a crew member, and when travelling through Canadian airports.
- ✓ Conducting health checks and temperature screenings of all passengers before boarding.
- ✓ Notifying passengers that they may be subject to a measure taken by the federal, provincial or territorial government upon arrival at their destination in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

## Allowed

Non-symptomatic passengers who 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 travelling for essential or non-discretionary purposes
- ✓ Foreign nationals travelling to reunite with an immediate family member<sup>T</sup> who is a Canadian citizen or permanent resident, and who can demonstrate their intention to stay in Canada for a period of at least 15 days

## Not Allowed

Passengers who are:

- ✗ Symptomatic for COVID-19, those who have been refused boarding in the past 14 days due to a medical reason related to COVID-19, or are subject to a provincial, territorial or local public health order
- ✗ Refusing to answer questions related to the health check, refusing to have their temperature taken, or refusing to comply with an instruction given by a gate agent, airport security screening personnel, or a crew member with respect to wearing a non-medical mask or face covering
- ✗ Foreign nationals who cannot comply with the 14 day mandatory quarantine and do not meet one of the approved exceptions to mandatory quarantine\*
- ✗ Foreign nationals travelling for discretionary or optional reasons who are not reuniting with an immediate family member<sup>T</sup> who is a Canadian citizen or permanent resident
- ✗ Foreign nationals transiting through Canada with a layover of more than 24 hours

\*Approved Exceptions to Mandatory Quarantine (not exhaustive):

- Crew members as defined by the Canadian Aviation Regulations and the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations
- Protection Regulations
- Persons invited by the Canadian Minister of Health for COVID-19 assistance
- Members of the Canadian Forces or a visiting force
- Persons that the Canadian Chief Public Health Officer determines will provide an essential service
- National interest cases, by invitation of the Canadian Ministers of Public Safety and Emergency
- Preparedness, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship or Foreign Affairs
- Persons permitted to work in Canada to provide emergency services
- Persons who enter Canada to receive essential medical services or treatment not related to COVID-19
- Persons permitted to work in Canada as a licensed health care professional, or as a student in a health field, as long as they do not directly care for persons 65 years of age or older within the first 14 days after their entry to Canada

For the full list of approved exceptions, please consult Public Health Agency of Canada's Emergency Order, entitled *Minimizing the Risk of Exposure to COVID-19 in Canada Order* (Prohibition of Entry into Canada from any Country other than the United States), made under the Quarantine Act.

<sup>T</sup>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 stepparent
- Guardian or tutor

Passengers providing a false or misleading declaration or refusing to wear a non-medical mask or face covering when directed could face penalties of up to \$5,000.

**Important:** Please note that all passengers, with a few approved 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 passengers 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: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/latest-travel-health-advice.html>

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