

20 July 2021

Update 3 - Information for Travel, Entering Canada, Quarantine and Arrival on Campus

Dear Year 47 and Year 48 Students, Parents, Guardians and Families,

No sooner had we released our **Update 2**, than the Canadian Government announced additional relaxations regarding international entry to Canada stopover and testing requirements. In our 15 July 2021 letter (attached), please note that all areas of guidance that have been impacted by these recent changes are highlighted in **yellow**. The new requirements are highlighted and explained in **green**.

In essence, all international students:

- (1) will no longer be required to book or stay at a government-authorized hotel in their international arrival airport city in Canada, which should be Vancouver, BC (YVR).
- (2) who are fully vaccinated will be subject to a Canadian Government surveillance randomized testing regime for fully vaccinated travellers. All unvaccinated travellers/international students will continue to be subject to mandatory on-arrival and day 8 testing.
- (3) who have recovered from COVID-19, but who continue to test positive, can present a positive COVID-19 molecular test result on a specimen taken **14 to 180 days** prior to arrival in Canada as part of the pre-entry test requirements instead of the previous **14 to 90 days**.

Here is specific guidance that remains in place from the Government of Canada website on what students who are travelling to Canada need to do:

Who may enter Canada to study?

To be able to enter Canada as a student, you need to

- have a valid study permit or letter of introduction that shows you have been approved for a study permit
- be attending a designated learning institution with a [COVID-19 readiness plan](#) approved by its province or territory

It is also important to check if restrictions are in place for your country that may affect your ability to travel. For example, the Government of Canada [has suspended flights from India until August 21, 2021](#).

You must have a quarantine plan

Designated learning institutions' COVID-19 readiness plans aim to protect the health and safety of all students and the surrounding community. The plans indicate how institutions will manage the quarantine period for international students, including arrangements for transportation to the students' quarantine location and for access to food and medications during their quarantine.

An international student **must** have a 14-day quarantine plan in case it is determined at the border that they do not meet all of the conditions required to be exempt from quarantine. This is still the case **even if they believe they meet the [criteria for being considered a fully vaccinated traveller](#)**.

Students should be in contact with their designated learning institution for assistance in developing quarantine plans **in advance of their arrival to Canada**. *If you need help, please contact Pearson College UWC for assistance in developing your quarantine plan on the updated template provided.*

Information about the quarantine plan must be submitted in [ArriveCAN](#) prior to travel to Canada.

Who is considered a fully vaccinated traveller?

Those who are fully vaccinated may qualify for exemptions from some of the quarantine and testing requirements.

To be considered fully vaccinated, travellers will need to have received the full series of a COVID-19 vaccine—or combination of vaccines—accepted by the Government of Canada, **at least 14 days prior to entering Canada**. Currently, those vaccines are manufactured by **Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD, and Janssen (Johnson & Johnson)**.

If you have received a different vaccine, you are currently not considered fully vaccinated in Canada.

Travellers must provide proof of vaccination in English or French (or a certified translation of their document). Travellers can receive their vaccine in any country, but it has to be 1 of the 4 vaccines accepted by Health Canada.

To be eligible for exemptions, fully vaccinated travellers must still meet the pre-entry and on-arrival testing requirements, including being tested within 72 hours pre-departure. They must also be asymptomatic, submit all required COVID-19 information electronically into [ArriveCAN](#) prior to travel to Canada, have a paper or digital copy of their proof of vaccination, and have a suitable quarantine plan.

Upcoming changes to public health measures

As of August 9, 2021, new measures will be put in place for travellers to Canada, including international students, as follows:

- Eliminating the 3-night government-authorized hotel stay requirement for all air travellers arriving **after** 12:01 a.m. EDT on August 9, 2021. Until that time, non-vaccinated travellers flying to Canada must complete their 3-night hotel stay while they wait for their on-arrival test results.
- Implementing a surveillance randomized testing regime for fully vaccinated travellers who qualify for entry to Canada at select airports and land border crossings across Canada. Unvaccinated travellers will continue to be subject to mandatory on-arrival and day 8 testing.
- Allowing individuals who have recovered from COVID-19, but who continue to test positive, to present a positive COVID-19 molecular test result on a specimen taken **14 to 180 days** prior to arrival in Canada as part of the pre-entry test requirements.

Stay up to date

To help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and the variants of the virus, the Government of Canada continues to actively monitor the situation and will not hesitate to take further measures as required.

International students wishing to come to Canada should continue to monitor the Government of Canada website [for the latest developments](#), follow the guidance provided by Pearson College UWC and the direction of local authorities once you've arrived.

Again, if you need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact any one of the following Pearson College staff, who would be pleased to help you:

Pearson Contacts for Assistance:

- Sarah Lee, Interim Admissions Officer, admissions@pearsoncollege.ca
- Deanna Cuthbert, Operations Manager, dcuthbert@pearsoncollege.ca
- Angela Gatari, Dean of Students, agatari@pearsoncollege.ca
- Arno Dirks, Dean of Studies, at adirks@pearsoncollege.ca
- Donna Grunder, Academic Services and Student Records Coordinator, dgrunder@pearsoncollege.ca
- Students requiring IT support with their Pearson email addresses should send an email to help@pearsoncollege.ca.

Best wishes and safe travels!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Craig Davis', is positioned above the printed name.

Craig Davis

President and Head of College