

# Steps for entering Canada for NACS event

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## 1. Pre-entry test result

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### Pre-entry test result requirements

All travellers **5 years of age or older**, regardless of citizenship or vaccination status, must provide proof of a COVID-19 molecular test result to enter Canada.

**Rapid antigen tests** will not be accepted.

**All travellers must:**

- provide one of the accepted types of molecular tests, **not an antigen test**
- keep proof of your test results for the 14-day period that begins on the day you enter Canada

**At this time, travellers should have their test performed at a reputable laboratory or testing facility (i.e., one recognized by the local government or accredited by a third party, such as a professional organization or international standards organization).**

### When and where to get a negative pre-entry test result

**Flying** - you must take a molecular test within **72 hours** of the scheduled departure time of your flight to Canada. Airlines will refuse boarding to travellers who are unable to provide a valid molecular test result.

- If you have a connecting flight:
  - the test must be conducted within **72 hours** of the scheduled departure time of your last direct flight to Canada
  - you may need to schedule the test in your transit city

**If you're driving or entering by water**, you must take a molecular test **within 72 hours** of your planned entry into Canada.

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## Providing proof of your result

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When you arrive at the border, you must present an accepted test result (paper or electronic proof) that must include:

- Traveller name and date of birth
- Name and civic address of the laboratory/clinic/facility that administered the test
- The date on which the test was conducted
- The type of test conducted
- The test result

You **must** show proof of your test results even if you:

- have tested negative for COVID-19 previous to the 72-hour period

- have been vaccinated for COVID-19
- recovered from COVID-19 and no longer test positive
- recovered from COVID-19 and continue to test positive

Keep proof of your test results with you for the 14-day period that begins on the day you enter Canada.

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### *2. Quarantine plan in case you don't qualify for the exemption*

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You must be prepared to quarantine for 14 days, even if you are fully vaccinated, in case you:

- are symptomatic
- don't meet the requirements for the fully vaccinated traveller exemption

**A suitable quarantine plan, which includes a place you will quarantine, must be entered into [ArriveCAN](#) in case you don't qualify for the exemption. You may be asked to explain your quarantine plan at the border.**

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### *3. Upload proof of vaccination in ArriveCAN*

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#### **Exceptions**

- **People arriving by boat:** you may use ArriveCAN to submit your proof of vaccination within 72 hours before **or when you enter** Canada
- **People with a disability** or other special circumstances [may be exempt from using ArriveCAN](#)

#### Uploading proof of your vaccination in ArriveCAN

In ArriveCAN, **within 72 hours before your travel**, you must provide:

- the details of your first dose (date, country and vaccine you received)
- the details of your second dose if one was required (i.e., for Pfizer-BioNTech Comirnaty, Moderna Spikevax, and AstraZeneca Vaxzevria/COVISHIELD COVID-19 vaccines)
- upload a photo or PDF file of the record **of each dose** of your vaccination, such as receipts, cards, or confirmations:
  - if you received two doses and they are **both recorded on a single card or PDF, upload that same image or file for dose 1 and again for dose 2**
  - file formats accepted: PDF, PNG, JPEG or JPG
  - maximum file size for upload: each image upload has a 2 MB size limit
- preferred file format: if you received a PDF file of your vaccination record, upload the PDF rather than an image, since the PDF is clearer and easier to read
- these must be in English, French, or a **certified translation into English or French**

Bring your original proof of vaccination with you while you travel and for 14 days after entry.

Final determination of your vaccination status will be made at the border. You must bring a digital or paper copy of your proof(s) of vaccination with you.

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#### *4. Checklist of what to have ready at the border*

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Have the following items with you for assessment by a government official at the border:

- ArriveCAN receipt
- proof of vaccination
- pre-entry test results
- other travel documents

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#### *5. Where to get a COVID-19 Test while in Richmond, Canada*

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If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 while in Richmond, BC, please do not attempt the event, and get tested as soon as possible. We kindly ask that you contact the CEC COVID Liaison to inform us of your situation, as soon as you experience symptoms.

- <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/testing/where-to-get-a-covid-19-test-in-bc>

If you do not have any symptoms of COVID-19, but need a negative test prior to travelling back from Richmond, BC, you can get tested here:

- <https://covid-medical.ca/>
- <https://www.elicare.ca/covid19>
- <https://livewellmedicalcentre.com/covid-19-travel-testing>
- <https://www.midtownmedical.net/>
- <https://ultimamedical.com/>