



## Memorandum

**Date:** November 22, 2021  
**To:** All Site Administrators  
**From:** Rick Taylor, District Health and Safety Manager

**Information:** International Travel as relates to COVID-19

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For newsletters:

### **Planning on Travelling outside of Canada over the holiday season?**

It is important that you are aware of Federal government travel requirements. To re-enter Canada, travellers must complete testing requirements and quarantine if they do not qualify as a *fully vaccinated traveller*. Please remember the current [Federal requirements](#) are such that persons not fully vaccinated are excluded from attending school for 14 days upon return. This also applies to students under 12. That same information is built into the [Daily Health Check](#).

#### **To qualify as a fully vaccinated traveller, you must:**

- have received at least 2 doses of a Government of Canada-accepted COVID-19 vaccine or a mix of 2 accepted vaccines or at least 1 dose of the Janssen/Johnson & Johnson vaccine
- have received your second dose at least 14 full days prior to the day you enter Canada
- meet pre-entry requirements
- [meet all other entry requirements](#)

#### **Unvaccinated travellers, including children under the age of 12, must follow specific requirements:**

Complete [pre-entry, arrival and Day-8 tests](#), unless you have evidence that the child had a positive COVID-19 test taken 14 to 180 days prior to arrival in Canada or the child is under 5 years of age.

For 14 days upon return to Canada, the children must also:

- not attend school, camp or daycare
- not attend large or crowded settings, indoors or outdoors, such as an amusement park or sporting event
- not take buses, subways, trains or other crowded transportation
- not attend a setting where they may have contact with vulnerable people (e.g. long term care facility), including people who are immunocompromised, regardless of that person's vaccination status or public health measures
- stay in a place that allows the child to avoid all contact with any person that:
  - has an underlying medical condition that makes the person susceptible to complications related to COVID-19

- has a compromised immune system from a medical condition or treatment; or
- is 65 years of age or older
- limit contact with others:
  - remain with their fully vaccinated parent or guardian, as much as possible
- wear a mask and physically distance when in contact with non-household members

What your child can do for the next 14 days, as long as they wear a mask and physically distance from non-household members:

- visit uncrowded public settings such as parks, beaches or going for a walk
- gather outdoors on your own property with people from multiple households
- gather with a small group of people from outside the household who are all known to be fully vaccinated
- take uncrowded public transportation such as a taxi, or rideshare provided masks are worn at all times by all parties
- accompany you to essential settings such as a grocery store or pharmacy

For 14 days following entry into Canada, you and any unvaccinated children under the age of 12 who travelled with you must:

- maintain a list of the names and contact information of each person with whom the child came into close contact and a list of locations visited
- wear a well-constructed, well-fitting mask in public settings
- keep a copy of the following and provide them on request to the Government of Canada or government of the province or territory where you are located, or to the local public health authority:
  - all COVID-19 pre-arrival test results
  - all on-arrival COVID-19 test results
- monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. If the child develops signs or symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19, you must immediately:
  - isolate them for 10 days in a designated area of the home that can ensure minimal contact with other household members
  - contact the appropriate public health authority, as specified below, and follow their instructions
  - report it immediately to the Public Health Agency of Canada by calling 1-833-641-0343. A Public Health Agency of Canada official will provide you with additional details and instructions

[Federal requirements](#) can change without notice. Regulations differ if travelling outside of Canada for less than 72 hours. Check re-entry requirements routinely as you make holiday plans. The most accurate source of information can be found at <https://travel.gc.ca/>. And here is a [link](#) to another Federal resource which outlines international travel requirements.

Please share this with your Joint Occupational Health & Safety committee at the next meeting.