

# ENTRY INTO CANADA PROCESS OVERVIEW

## 2021 NEW COVID-19 MEASURES PRE-DEPARTURE & UPON ARRIVAL



In 2021 there are several new COVID-19 measures that TFWP Ag Stream and SAWP workers need to know and comply with when incoming to Canada. Employers should review these new requirements and assess how much support their TFWs will need in order to avoid issues with the Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA). As of early February 2021, these measures are still evolving so please check the different government links provided in this document for the latest information.

**A. ArriveCan Federal App:** Download the ArriveCAN App or register online at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/arrivecan.html>. This is a requirement for entry into Canada as of November 21, 2020. You should respond to the quarantine plan as **EXEMPT due to ESSENTIAL SERVICE**. Please NOTE: This is not the App related to registration for Ontario's new Toronto airport testing program.

**B. Pre-Departure Negative COVID-19 Test Requirement:** Govt link <https://tc.canada.ca/en/initiatives/covid-19-measures-updates-guidance-issued-transport-canada/covid-19-pre-departure-testing-transport-canada-interim-order>. This is a requirement for entry into Canada as of January 7, 2021.

- Travellers must provide a negative laboratory test result for COVID-19 conducted within 72 hours of departure to Canada. The test must be performed by an accredited lab in the source country using COVID-19 **polymerase chain reaction (PCR)**.
- Airlines will be verifying the negative tests, so passengers must retain copies of test results and must present them prior to boarding. **Please note, CBSA is closely monitoring the type of test so make sure it is the right kind of test (PCR)!**

Click here to find Test Centre Location Info in ABC apiary recruitment countries:

<a href="#">Mexico</a>	<a href="#">Guatemala</a>	<a href="#">Philippines</a>	<a href="#">Nicaragua</a>
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Test conducted only 1 location info on the US Embassy website.

### C. Interprovincial Travel

For those that land in Toronto ON or Vancouver BC these are the current regulations in each province (Feb. 2021). If TFWs need to make connecting flights these tests & measures could be required for interprovincial travel. Check with travel agents, and govts/airports for latest info.

- **Ontario Air:** If flying into Toronto: Mandatory Ontario COVID-19 Provincial Registration/App & PCR Test Register with Switch Health for Ontario Arrival Testing <https://portal.switchhealth.ca/> TFWs will need to complete this NEW Ontario test. The wait times to complete the COVID test will vary and could take as long as several hours, depending upon how many flights arrived at that time. Travellers are prepared for a 4-6 hour delay after arrival to Canada.
- **BC Air:** If flying into Vancouver: All air passengers are required to have a mask or face covering during air travel and at airport screening points when they cannot physically distance from others, or as directed by airline employees or public health officials. Passengers may also be asked to have their temperature taken and asked COVID-19 specific 'health check' questions before boarding a plane. Please check your individual airline's website for more detailed information.
- Arrival **Alberta Govt** & **YYC/Calgary Airport:**
  - **Steps to follow prior to arriving at YYC:** [Visit the Government of Alberta's website](#) to determine if you're eligible for the International Border Testing Pilot Program.
  - Steps to follow upon arrival at YYC: Complete the International Border Testing Pilot Program [questionnaire](#) (this can be done up to five days in advance of arriving).
  - Travellers are encouraged to download and use the voluntary [ABTraceTogether mobile contact tracing app](#).
  - Provincial officials from Returning Traveller Outreach Program will contact arriving travellers within 7 days to confirm you are following mandatory isolation requirements.
  - Visit the Government of Alberta's [website](#) for more information on the International Border Testing Pilot Program.

### D. Upon Arrival Federal Test, 3 Day Hotel, Other Quarantine Process

- Final regulation will be posted at this link for Order in Council mid-February 2021:
- <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/corporate/mandate/about-agency/acts-regulations/list-acts-regulations.html>

Travellers entering Canada must quarantine for 14 days. In February new rules have been added.

- **Before March 14, 2021:** Agriculture TFWs will take test and continue onto pre-arranged quarantine farm employers have arranged.
- **After March 14, 2021:** Agriculture TFWs will take test and go into 3-day hotel quarantine waiting for test results but will be **exempt from paying the \$2,000 fee**.
  - If negative, they continue onto the farm quarantine elsewhere
  - If positive, they remain in the Government of Canada quarantine.

*Information is changing rapidly and we are working with various agencies to understand and communicate the latest information.*

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