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Pre-departure COVID-19 Test Requirement for all travellers entering Canada (Updated)

The Government of Canada advised that, **effective January 7, 2021:**

- All customers five years of age or older entering Canada from an international destination are required to provide, prior to boarding a flight, **a negative COVID-19 PCR, NAT/NAAT or LAMP test.**
- The test must be taken within 72 hours of departure from your flight to Canada. Some exceptions apply, please refer to travel.gc.ca for details.
- Even with a negative COVID-19 PCR test all customers entering Canada will still have to complete a mandatory 14-day quarantine.

Test results can be presented in paper or electronic format. It must include the following data elements:

- Passenger's name;
- Passenger's date of birth;
- Name and civic address of the laboratory/clinic/facility that administered the test;
- Date on which the test was conducted, and the date is within 72 hours of the flight to Canada's scheduled departure time;
- The method of test conducted (e.g. PCR, NAT/NAAT or LAMP);
- The test result is indicated as negative (or "not detected")

You do not need to provide a negative COVID-19 PRC test if:

- Your flight to Canada is prior to January 7; and/or
- You are only transiting through a Canadian airport from one international destination to another, without entering Canada. Please ensure you are aware of and in compliance with the [entry requirements for your final destination](#)

For the Canadian Government's information on testing entities abroad:

1. Visit <https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories>
2. Select a country
3. Click the "Health" tab
4. Scroll down to "Medical services and facilities"
5. Click on "Local COVID-19 testing facilities"

Please note that we do not control these directives and that details are subject to change. We recommend you visit travel.gc.ca for official updates from the Government of Canada.

The Government of Canada have also published a list of [frequently asked questions](#) about the new testing requirement. For specific questions related to the implementation of the government policy, please contact the government or [Canadian Consular Services](#).