

## Agency Bulletin

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## **Update: Pre-departure COVID-19 test**

Air Canada is pleased to announce that starting February 28, customers over the age of 5 will have the <u>option</u> to use a **negative rapid antigen test** result for travel to Canada. The antigen test must be taken no more than **24 hours** prior to departure, and **must** be administered by a laboratory, healthcare entity or telehealth service. Taking a rapid antigen test at home is not sufficient to meet the pre-entry requirement.

Customers can continue to use a negative molecular test (e.g. PCR, NAT, NAATs, RT-LAMP), taken no more than 72 hours prior to departure.

When customers arrive at the border, they must present an accepted negative test result (paper or electronic proof). The proof must include:

- Traveller's 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 taken
- the type of test taken
- the test result

Additionally, arrival testing will no longer be a mandatory requirement for fully vaccinated customers.

Please refer to the following press release or Air Canada -<u>Travel Ready Hub</u> for further information.

https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2022/02/government-of-canada-lightens-border-measures-as-part-of-transition-of-the-pandemic-response.html

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