

July 5, 2021

CAPS-I has shared the following IRCC responses to questions raised on behalf of their members, which will also be of interest to LC members.

CAPS-I QUESTION

1) Does someone who qualifies as 'fully vaccinated' when arriving in Canada after July 5th, need to quarantine at their final destination while waiting for the result of the COVID test done upon arrival? This is not clear to our membership having reviewed the latest OIC though it was our understanding that this was to be the requirement.

IRCC RESPONSE

Beginning July 5, 2021, fully vaccinated travellers will not be required to stay at a government-authorized hotel to await their on-arrival test result, quarantine at their final destination, or complete a day-8 test if they meet specific conditions.

All travellers will be required to disclose COVID-19 vaccination information, including whether they received a COVID-19 vaccine, the brand name or any other information that identifies the vaccine that was administered, the dates on which the vaccine was administered, and the doses received.

To be considered fully vaccinated, travellers must:

- Have received the full series of a COVID-19 vaccine accepted by the Government of Canada, at least 14 days prior to entering Canada. Currently, those vaccines are manufactured by Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD, and Janssen (Johnson & Johnson)
- Provide proof of vaccination in English or French (or a certified translation). Travellers can receive their vaccine in any country
- Meet the pre-entry and on-arrival testing requirements (pre-departure PCR and take arrival test) and be asymptomatic
- Submit all required COVID-19 information electronically into ArriveCAN prior to travel to Canada, have a paper or digital copy of their proof of vaccination, and have a suitable quarantine plan

More information on what will be considered “fully-vaccinated” will be available on the Government of Canada website imminently.

Travellers who self-declare as fully vaccinated but do not meet the conditions described above will need to complete a 3 night Government-Authorized Accommodation (GAA) stay at their expense, be subject to the full 14-day quarantine period as currently required, take a day-8 test, and may be subject to enforcement under the Quarantine Act.

For further information, please visit [Fully vaccinated travellers entering Canada during COVID-19 - Canada.ca](#).

CAPS-I QUESTION

2) Will international students under the age of 18 be exempt from the 14 day quarantine requirement per new OIC (assuming they test negative upon arrival, etc) if they have had the Johnson and Johnson vaccine given it is authorized in Canada even though it is not being administered here in Canada to those under 18 years of age?

IRCC RESPONSE

To be considered fully vaccinated, travellers must have received the full series of a vaccine [approved by the Government of Canada](#) — at least 14 days prior to entering Canada. Currently, those vaccines are manufactured by Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD, and Janssen (Johnson & Johnson). The definition does not pronounce itself on the eligibility to have received the vaccine based on Canada’s authorization (such as age). The definition focusses on the vaccine dosing regimen received corresponding to the list.

Travellers must provide proof of vaccination in English or French (or a certified translation). The Order in Council permits the Minister to consider additional vaccines and alternate approaches to how and when the vaccines are given as well as a “mix and match” of different drugs to achieve the same outcome. It also may include similar drugs to those authorized by Health Canada that are approved by other jurisdictions. New approaches will be publicly available online.

Final determination regarding exemption is made by a government representative at the border based on information presented at the time of entry into Canada.

CAPS-I QUESTION

3) Please describe the latest exemptions from testing or quarantine (and provide link as to where detailed info can be found) related to someone arriving in Canada who has had COVID previously. What time frame must they have had COVID within and what type of documentation must be provided to confirm this?

IRCC RESPONSE

Travellers who have recently recovered from COVID-19 and have proof of a positive COVID-19 molecular test taken between 14 and 90 days before travel, are exempt from a pre-entry test, post-arrival testing, and the mandatory hotel stopover. Travellers who have recently recovered from COVID-19 are still required to quarantine for 14 days upon arrival unless they are also fully vaccinated.

CAPS-I QUESTION

4) In Turkey, they are giving Pfizer/Berne vaccine to youth under 18 but on the vaccine 'passport' it only states Berne. Will documentation referencing 'Berne' be a problem for incoming Turkish students?

IRCC RESPONSE

To be considered fully vaccinated, travellers must have received the full series of a vaccine [approved by the Government of Canada](#) at least 14 days prior to entering Canada. Currently, those vaccines are manufactured by Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD, and Janssen (Johnson & Johnson).

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5) In Italy, if individuals have had COVID, they only need one of the two shots to be considered fully vaccinated and in fact they won't administer a 2nd dose believing it is too dangerous for people who have already contracted the virus. Case example, Marianna (high school student) had COVID in March 2021. According to the Italian Ministry of Health she will receive only one shot of Covid vaccine, as the second one is considered too dangerous for people who suffered the disease. With one shot and having already had the disease, will Marianna be considered fully vaccinated as she is in Italy and therefore exempt from quarantine upon arrival in Canada, under the latest OIC regulations?

IRCC RESPONSE

Travellers who have been vaccinated with a partial or full series of a vaccine that is not [approved by the Government of Canada](#), who are partially vaccinated, or have previously tested positive for COVID-19 and have received part of a full series of vaccine, do not meet the definition of fully vaccinated. In these cases, travellers must adhere to the current testing and quarantine requirements.

CAPS-I QUESTION

6) Will CBSA issue a document or make notation in the passport or on the study permit to show the student does not have to isolate if they are satisfied with all the student's proof of vaccination etc? If so, do we know what that will look like or what the document would be? If we don't have any type of documentation, how does a host family or school know if the student has to isolate for 14 days or not?

IRCC RESPONSE

After completion of border screening, travellers are provided with a handout that identifies instructions on the requirements based on their status. Travellers that are deemed to be [fully vaccinated](#) on arrival will be provided with a "turquoise" handout for fully vaccinated travellers. If they are not deemed [fully vaccinated](#), they will receive a "green" handout (asymptomatic/quarantine) or "red" handout (symptomatic/isolate) which will indicate their obligations.

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7) In addition, can you please confirm how the result of the test upon arrival will be communicated to the student - via text, email, phone call, ArriveCan app, combination of the above, etc.

IRCC RESPONSE

It is recommended that students pre-register online for the appropriate testing provider depending on port of entry. Following processing of the specimen, travellers are contacted by the testing provider via email or text to indicate that their test result has been posted in the proprietary portal. Travellers are then to log in and retrieve their result. If this is not possible, the traveller can call the testing provider for alternative means to retrieve a result. Process information is provided online as well as in the test kit. Travellers can also place general inquiries into the testing provider via a toll free customer service call centre. Web content will

be updated shortly and will include more information regarding the various test providers authorized by the Canada Border Testing Program.