



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Faculty of Medicine

PGME Incoming Resident Package
COVID-19 Travel Restrictions
Logistical Information

Resources & Guidelines for Self-isolating Incoming Trainee

ACTION REQUIRED BY INCOMING TRAINEES: PLEASE READ

This is Version Sixteen, updated with information current as of December 1, 2021.

The Government of Canada has put in place an Emergency Order under the *Quarantine Act*. **This requires any person entering Canada by air, sea or land to self-isolate for 14 days whether or not they have symptoms of COVID-19, with some exceptions.** More information can be found on the [Government of Canada website](#).

For information on planning your quarantine/self isolation period, please see the [Government of Canada website](#). The [BC Centre for Disease Control website](#) has further information on COVID-19 in BC and resources for self-isolating. For additional resources to plan your self-isolation period, please also see the *Appendix*.

Recent Border Changes:

November 30, 2021: [The Government of Canada has announced new border measures to address the COVID-19 Omicron variant of concern.](#) Until January 31, 2022, all travellers who have been in the Southern Africa region — including South Africa, Eswatini, Lesotho, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Namibia, Egypt, Nigeria and Malawi— within the last 14 days before arriving in Canada will not be permitted entry into Canada. In addition, in the coming days, all fully vaccinated travellers arriving by air from departure points other than the United States will be subject to arrival testing. Fully vaccinated travellers will be required to quarantine while they await the results of their arrival test.

Unvaccinated travellers, with right of entry to Canada, will continue to be tested on arrival and on day 8 and must quarantine for 14 days. However, those arriving by air will now be required to stay in a designated quarantine facility or other suitable location while they await the result of their on-arrival test.

Effective November 30, 2021, the Government of Canada will expand its list of accepted vaccines for the purposes of entry into Canada and exemption from some testing and quarantine requirements. The list will include Sinopharm, Sinovac and COVAXIN. See the full list of accepted vaccines on the [Government of Canada website](#). Starting November 30, vaccination will also be required for travel within and out of Canada. A valid COVID-19 molecular test will no longer be accepted as an alternative to vaccination unless travellers are eligible for one of the limited exemptions (such as a medical inability to be vaccinated).

As of January 15, 2022, certain groups of travellers, including temporary foreign workers entering Canada with a valid work permit, who are currently exempt from entry requirements, **will only be allowed to enter the country if they are fully vaccinated with one of the vaccines approved for entry into Canada.** Non-exempt unvaccinated or partially vaccinated foreign nationals will be prohibited entry into Canada.

To be considered fully vaccinated, a traveller must have received the full series of a vaccine—or combination of vaccines - at least 14 days prior to entering Canada. Travellers can receive their vaccine in any country, and must upload their proof of vaccination in English or French into ArriveCAN when travelling to Canada. If the proof of vaccination is not in English or French, travellers must provide a certified translation in English or French. Travellers must bring proof with them when they travel that includes text with the vaccinations and



dates received. Travellers must also comply with all other measures under the OICs, including pre-entry testing (unless exempt) and a suitable quarantine plan.

The Canadian government continues to prohibit entry into Canada of foreign nationals arriving from the U.S. or elsewhere for an optional or discretionary purpose, with some exceptions. **Fully vaccinated foreign nationals** may now be allowed to enter Canada for **discretionary travel** (tourism, business visits) if they meet specific criteria. [Check if you qualify for the fully vaccinated traveller exemption.](#)

Unvaccinated children under the age of 12 who are travelling with fully vaccinated adults do not need to quarantine BUT must follow public measures:

- For 14 days after arrival the child MUST NOT:
 - Attend school, camp or day care.
 - 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.
 - Travel on crowded public transportation that does not ensure physical distancing and masking.
 - Attend large crowded settings, indoors or outdoors, such as an amusement park or sporting event.
- In addition, the child must take COVID-19 molecular tests as instructed, unless their parent, step-parent, tutor or guardian has evidence that the child had a positive COVID-19 test taken 10 to 180 days prior to arrival in Canada or the child is under 5 years of age.

See the details of the latest announcements on the [Government of Canada website](#).



REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY INTO CANADA (until January 15, 2022):

	Non-vaccinated/Single dose		Fully vaccinated
	<u>Entering by LAND</u>	<u>Entering by AIR</u>	<u>Entering by LAND or AIR</u>
Before Departure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan your quarantine. Create an account with Switch Health in advance. Take a COVID-19 molecular test in the U.S. within 72 hours before arrival at the border. (Please see exemptions) Enter your information on ArriveCAN Have your ArriveCAN receipt and test result ready. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan your quarantine. Pre-register for your arrival test in advance to save time at the airport. Take a COVID-19 molecular test within 72 hours before your scheduled flight. (Please see exemptions) Enter your information on ArriveCAN Have your ArriveCAN receipt and test result ready. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan your quarantine. Pre-register for your arrival test in advance to save time at the border. Take a COVID-19 molecular test within 72 hours before arrival at the border. Enter your information on ArriveCAN Have your ArriveCAN receipt and documents ready, including digital or paper copy of proof of vaccination in English or French (or certified translation, along with the original)
Upon Arrival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide required information and documents; Answer all eligibility and health screening questions. Complete your arrival test on site if services are available. Otherwise, collect a home test kit to use when you arrive at your destination. Unless fully vaccinated, collect a test kit for use on Day 8 of your quarantine. If you have symptoms or an unsuitable quarantine plan or you do not meet the exemption requirements, follow the instructions provided by the government representative. You may be directed to a designated quarantine facility. 		
After Arrival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unless fully vaccinated, follow these additional steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> go directly to your pre-booked hotel or place of self-isolation provide updates via ArriveCAN or call 1-833-641-0343 complete and send your Day 8 test kit according to the instructions If your arrival test is positive, follow the instructions of your local public health authority, including quarantine or isolation You may be contacted by Government of Canada and provincial or territorial officials Fully vaccinated travellers must keep proof of their vaccination for at least 14 days 		

Your compliance with the emergency order will be subject to monitoring, verification and enforcement. An offence under the Quarantine Act could lead to up to 6 months in prison and/or \$750,000 in fines.

Special Employer Compliance Requirements

UBC is required by Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) to retain certain information about your travel to Canada and self-isolation plan. To comply with ESDC's Special Compliance Requirements, we have outlined steps below that must be followed by all faculty members travelling to Canada.

All faculty members must keep in close contact with their departments to ensure that they are providing regular updates on the following:

- The status of their application for a Work Permit
- Any travel arrangements that have been made or that you are intending to make
- If you have been authorized to travel, your intended arrival date in Canada, your travel progress, your isolation plan, etc. and exemption from self-isolation if applicable.



Travellers with the following documents will have the best chance of being allowed to board a plane and enter Canada on arrival:

Document:	Provided by:
Valid work permit approval letter	IRCC from an approved work permit application
14-day self-isolation plan	Created by the faculty member
Signed job offer	By the department

We are asking all incoming faculty members to follow these steps to assist with the tracking of all incoming faculty members:

1. Once confirmed, send all travel arrangements (itinerary, method of travel, accommodation) to your department administrator, in advance.
2. Once in Canada, please send another email to your department administrator confirming your arrival, providing a copy of your work permit and details of either your accommodation for the mandatory self-isolation period or confirmation that you have been found exempt from the self-isolation requirement.

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)

You may have come in contact with the virus that causes COVID-19

MANDATORY QUARANTINE

The Government of Canada has put in place emergency measures to slow the introduction and spread of COVID-19 in Canada. You **MUST QUARANTINE for 14 days and monitor yourself for symptoms** subject to the *Minimizing the Risk of Exposure to COVID-19 in Canada Order (Mandatory Isolation) No. 2*.

Your compliance with this Order is subject to monitoring, verification and enforcement. Those in violation may face detention in a quarantine facility as well as fines and/or imprisonment.

YOU MUST QUARANTINE WITHOUT DELAY

- ▶ **Go directly to your place of quarantine** without delay and stay there for 14 days from the date you arrived in Canada, or longer if you develop signs and symptoms of COVID-19, or have been exposed to another person subject to the Order who has signs and symptoms of COVID-19.
- ▶ **Do not quarantine** in a place where you have contact with **vulnerable individuals**, including those who have an underlying medical condition, compromised immune system from a medical condition or treatment, or are 65 years of age or older.
- ▶ Ensure you have a **suitable place of quarantine** that has the necessities of life.
- ▶ Ensure you **wear an appropriate mask or face covering**, especially while in transit.
- ▶ **Practise physical distancing** at all times.
- ▶ **Use private transportation** such as a private vehicle if possible.
- ▶ **Do not make any unnecessary stops** on your way to your place of quarantine.
- ▶ **Avoid contact with others** while in transit:
 - Remain in the vehicle as much as possible;
 - Avoid staying at a hotel;
 - If you need gas, pay at the pump;
 - If you need food, use a drive through;
 - If you need to use a rest area, put on your mask and be mindful of physical distancing and good hygiene practices.

YOU MUST MONITOR YOUR HEALTH FOR 14 DAYS

FEVER



COUGH



DIFFICULTY BREATHING



If you start having symptoms of COVID-19 (cough, shortness of breath, or fever equal to or greater than 38°C, or signs of fever e.g. shivering, flushed skin, excessive sweating):

- ▶ Isolate yourself from others.
- ▶ Immediately call the public health authority and describe your symptoms and travel history, and follow their instructions.



Public Health
Agency of Canada

Agence de la santé
publique du Canada

Canada

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WHILE IN QUARANTINE

It is important that you:

- ▶ **Wash your hands often** with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- ▶ **Avoid touching your face.**
- ▶ **Cover your mouth and nose** with your arm when coughing or sneezing.
- ▶ **Limit contact with others** within the place of quarantine, including children and those who have not travelled nor been exposed to the virus.

You MUST:

- ▶ **Stay at your place of quarantine.**
- ▶ **Not leave** your place of quarantine unless it is to seek medical attention.
- ▶ **Not use public transportation** (e.g. buses, taxis).
- ▶ **Not have visitors.**
- ▶ **Not go to school, work or any other public areas.**
- ▶ **Arrange for the necessities of life** (e.g. food, medications, cleaning supplies) to be delivered to your place of quarantine.

Follow the instructions provided and online:

www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/publications/diseases-conditions/coronavirus-disease-covid-19-how-to-self-isolate-home-exposed-no-symptoms.html

PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITIES

PROVINCES AND TERRITORIES	TELEPHONE NUMBER	WEBSITE
British Columbia	811	www.bccdc.ca/covid19
Alberta	811	www.myhealth.alberta.ca
Saskatchewan	811	www.saskhealthauthority.ca
Manitoba	1-888-315-9257	www.manitoba.ca/covid19
Ontario	1-866-797-0000	www.ontario.ca/coronavirus
Quebec	1-877-644-4545	www.quebec.ca/en/coronavirus
New Brunswick	811	www.gnb.ca/publichealth
Nova Scotia	811	www.nshealth.ca/public-health
Prince Edward Island	811	www.princeedwardisland.ca/covid19
Newfoundland and Labrador	811 or 1-888-709-2929	www.gov.nl.ca/covid-19
Nunavut	1-867-975-5772	www.gov.nu.ca/health
Northwest Territories	811	www.hss.gov.nt.ca
Yukon	811	www.yukon.ca/covid-19

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

 1-833-784-4397

 canada.ca/coronavirus

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- **SERVICE BC** can assist incoming travellers with a self-isolation plan (please note that the province allows for a traveller to submit their isolation plan ahead of time, visit <https://travelscreening.gov.bc.ca/>):

Need Assistance?

Need help with your self isolation plan? Talk to a Service BC agent

Child Care

Travel restrictions

Business and funding support

Service is available 7:30am to 8pm Pacific Time

International

1-604-412-0957

Within Canada

Text 1-604-630-0300

Call 1-888-COVID19

(1-888-268-4319)

Standard message and data rates may apply.

- **MEDICAL COVERAGE:** The Province of BC website has many useful links, including information about BC's Medical Services Plan and the temporary waiving of the coverage wait period: [COVID-19 Provincial Support & Information](#)
- **CONCIERGE SERVICES TO HELP WITH TASKS WHILE QUARANTINED:** [Modern Life Management](#) is a personal concierge service which can assist you with various tasks such as picking up groceries or prescriptions, setting up utilities in your new home, etc. Contact Ashley van Strien at contact@modernlifemanagement.com or 604-649-7017 for rates or booking.

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- **ACCOMMODATION**

[Westin Wall Centre, Vancouver Airport](#)

Average per night: \$215 (1 King Bed, traditional guest room), \$225 (2 Queen Beds, traditional guest room), \$257 (1 King Bed, Deluxe room)

No Cooking Facilities in rooms, has room service, mini fridge and coffee and tea

[Radisson Hotel, Vancouver Airport](#)

Average per night: \$225 (2 Queen Beds, standard room), \$320 (1 King Bed, 1 bedroom suite), \$460 (1 King apartment suite with full service kitchen)

[Exchange Hotel](#)

Current weekly rates of \$450. Two weeks for \$840. Deluxe or Superior Room Category at Exchange at \$1,450 monthly, including tax. Patio Suite or any other suite (have 4 in total) at \$2,300 monthly including tax. Single King, Queen or Two-Queen Bedded rooms; All suites have pull out sofa and a bathtub. Pet friendly.

[Le soleil](#)

Weekly rate of \$450. Two-Weeks at \$840. Monthly 1,450 (including tax) for Queen Suite at Le Soleil. La Lune Penthouse with stunning views terrace - \$2,300 including parking (special deal). Pet friendly.

[Sandman Suites – Davie Street](#)

Average per night: \$123 (twin single suite with sofa, kitchen with fridge/freezer, microwave, cooktop oven), \$133 (Queen suite with sofa, kitchen with fridge/freezer, microwave, cooktop oven), \$160 (king suite with sofa, kitchen with fridge/freezer, microwave, cooktop oven)

[Georgian Court Hotel](#)

Average Per night: \$215 (2 Queen beds, with mini fridge, coffee and tea facilities), \$232 (1 king bed with mini fridge), \$265 (1 King bed, suite with microwave and refrigerator)

[Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre](#)

Average Per night: \$236 (1 king bed, traditional guest room), \$288 (1 king, deluxe guest room), \$303 (2 double beds, deluxe guest), \$318 (1 king, large room)

No Cooking Facilities in rooms, has room service, mini fridge and coffee and tea

[Century Plaza](#)

May Rates - Studio Rooms - 99.00 per night + 16% tax, one bedroom suite with balcony and full kitchen - \$119.00 per night + 16% tax. June/July Rate is \$149.00 for studio room, \$169.00 for one bedroom suite.

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[Staying Level](#)

June Rates - A Level Suite with queen bed - \$150.00 per night +16% taxes, one bedroom suite (queen/king bed with queen sofa bed) - \$190.00 per night + 16% taxes

Suites include full kitchen, in-suite washer and dryer.

Guests would also have access to 24 hour concierge service and a complimentary parking stall.

- **TRANSPORTATION**

Public transportation, including taxi from the airport to the place of quarantine is available if private transportation is not available (private transportation is still recommended). If the traveler has signs or symptoms of COVID-19, public transportation is not an option.

It is important to follow these guidelines when taking public transit:

- Ensure you wear an appropriate mask or face covering, especially while in transit.
- maintain physical distancing of 2 metres from other passengers on public transportation
- travel straight to your place of quarantine.

Car rental companies located at YVR terminal on the ground floor of the parkade.

Average price for a 14-day rental is \$295.

- [National](#)
- [Alamo](#)
- [Hertz](#)
- [Dollar Thrifty](#)
- [Avis](#)
- [Budget](#)

- **GROCERY DELIVERY**

[Instacart](#)

- Delivers from partnering retailers in your location
- Schedule delivery for as fast as an hour, or for later in the day or week to fit your schedule.
- Delivery windows start as early as 9am and run as late as midnight. Check local store hours. Delivery hours are subject to store operating hours, which includes holidays.
- Meet your Shopper at your door to get your groceries.
- There is a 5% (or \$2 minimum) service fee that applies to non-alcohol items for a la carte (non-Express) customers. The service fee is not a tip
- Delivery fees can differ based on the time you want your order delivered, and how large the order is.
- Delivery fees are higher during busy times. There will be a clear indication of this when you are choosing your delivery time.
- Delivery fees range from \$3.99-\$7.99. As always, Instacart Express members get free delivery on orders over \$35.

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Save On Foods

- delivery fee varies by timeslot
- can order for today for delivery or pickup as early as following day or you can order up to 30 days in advance
- order early to ensure you get the timeslot that you prefer.
- minimum order value of \$40

Spud

- local, organic, and sustainable groceries by working directly with farmers and other producers. Liquor, meat, seafood, read to eat, pet food
- order is carefully packed in a reusable bin, with dry ice to keep frozen items frozen, and cold packs to keep perishable items cool.
- Order deadline – 3pm
- Each area has at least one free delivery day a week, Delivery is free for most orders over \$35.00.

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