



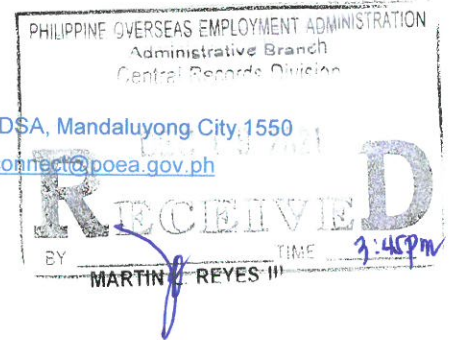
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Canada's Additional Changes to Entry Requirements in Response to the Omicron Variant

The Canada Government has announced the tightening and adjustments in the country's border measures due to concerns over the transmission and importation of new COVID-19 Omicron variant in the country.

In its recent issuance, Canada also expanded the list of countries with entry prohibitions and included Nigeria, Malawi and Egypt along with seven (7) other African countries – South Africa, Mozambique, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Lesotho and Eswatini whose ban were earlier announced on 26 November 2021. Effective 01 December 2021, the policy bans the entry into Canada of all foreign nationals who travelled to these countries in the last 14 days. Canadians, permanent residents as well as all those who have the right to return to Canada will still be able to return home but will face new enhanced pre-entry and arrival testing, screening and quarantine measures upon arrival.

Border testing surveillance will be adjusted based on the latest available evidence to further reduce the risk of importation of this variant. In the coming days, all fully vaccinated travelers arriving by air from departure points other than the United States will be subject to arrival testing. Fully vaccinated travelers will be required to quarantine while they await the results of their arrival test.

Unvaccinated travelers, with right of entry to Canada, will continue to be tested on arrival and day 8 and 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 arrival test.

The Government of Canada will continue to assess the evolving situation, monitor case data, and adjust border measures as required and is working collaboratively with its provincial and territorial counterparts. While the impact of all variants continues to be monitored in Canada, vaccination in combination with public health and individual measures, is working to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and its variants.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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COVID-19 Travel: Checklists for requirements and exemptions - Travel restrictions in Canada – Travel.gc.ca
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