

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT TRAVELLING TO THE U.S.

THE U.S. LAND BORDER WILL REOPEN TO NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVELLERS IN NOVEMBER, WITH SOME CAVEATS

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For the first time since March 2020, the United States land and sea borders will reopen to Canadians crossing for non-essential travel on Nov. 8 — with conditions necessitated by COVID-19.

While the U.S. has allowed leisure travellers from Canada to fly into the country throughout the pandemic, both countries closed their shared land and sea borders to non-essential travel at the start of the pandemic and the Public Health Agency of Canada continues to advise against non-essential international travel.

To limit the risk of visitors from Canada contributing to the spread of COVID-19 across the border, U.S. Department of Homeland Security has established a set of rules that will take effect for travellers entering by

air, land and sea when the latter two borders open for non-essential travel on Nov. 8.

Here's what we know.

MANDATORY VACCINATION, NEGATIVE TESTING

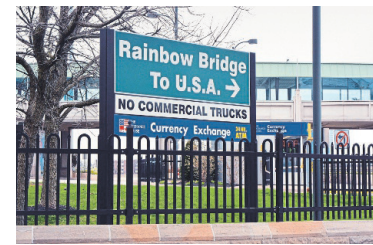
Currently, all airline passengers two years and older entering the U.S. must proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken within three calendar days of departure, regardless of their vaccination status, or else they must show documentation of having recovered from COVID-19 within three months of boarding a flight into the U.S.

Currently, people entering the U.S. via land and sea borders do not need to present a negative PCR test, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has not said whether this will change once the land and sea borders reopen to leisure travellers.

Starting in November, all international travellers entering the U.S. — whether by land, air or sea — will need to show proof of complete vaccination. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has not specified which forms of proof of vaccination it will accept. Travellers are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after completing the full series of an accepted COVID-19 vaccine. As always, travellers attempting to cross the border must carry basic travel documents including a valid passport.

APPROVED VACCINES

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has said it will recognize vaccines authorized by U.S. regulators or the World Health Organization (WHO), including any combination of approved two-dose vaccines. This is good news for recipients of the AstraZeneca vaccine and its twin, Covishield, produced in India. While not approved for use in the U.S., those



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Beginning on Nov. 8, fully vaccinated Canadians will be allowed to travel across the land border into the U.S.

vaccines are authorized by the World Health Organization.

Other vaccines approved by either the CDC or the WHO include Moderna and Pfizer's mRNA vaccines, Johnson & Johnson's Janssen viral vector vaccine and Sinopharm and Sinovac's inactivated whole virus vaccines.

MASKING MANDATES IN THE U.S.

There is no blanket face covering mandate in the U.S. Rather, states and some major cities have set their own rules around face coverings.

Some states require people to wear face coverings indoors regardless of their vaccination status, while others only require unvaccinated people to wear masks indoors. Some states have lifted their masking mandates, while others apply them only to high-risk or congregate settings, such as hospitals, prisons, health care and long-term care facilities, homeless shelters or on public transit.

RE-ENTRY INTO CANADA

Anyone entering Canada from the U.S., including returning Canadians, must provide proof of a negative molecular COVID-19 test, such as a PCR test, taken within 72 hours of departure. This rule will also apply to people making day trips into the U.S. from Canada, though the government will accept tests completed in Canada if they fall within the 72-hour period.

Canadians and Americans are advised not to travel if they have been recently exposed to someone with diagnosed COVID-19 or are sick with any symptoms of COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status.

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