## Easing of border measures, effective August 9, 2021

The purpose of today's communication is to provide you with details associated with the <u>easing of border measures</u>, <u>effective August 9, 2021</u>, announced by Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC). These changes will impact travellers who are currently permitted to enter Canada, including **Temporary Foreign Workers (TFWs)**.

## **Expansion to the Canadian International Airport List**

Effective August 9, 2021, international flights carrying passengers will be permitted to land at the following five **additional** Canadian airports:

- Halifax Stanfield International Airport;
- Québec City Jean Lesage International Airport;
- Ottawa Macdonald–Cartier International Airport;
- Winnipeg James Armstrong Richardson International Airport; and
- Edmonton International Airport.

These airports, in cooperation with the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC), the Canada Border Services Agency and Transport Canada, are working to implement the measures necessary to safely welcome international passengers, as soon as conditions dictate.

## **Fully Vaccinated TFWs entering Canada**

Effective August 9, 2021, the Government of Canada is adjusting its post-arrival testing strategy for <u>fully vaccinated travellers</u>. The impact of the new border measures is outlined in the table below and identifies testing requirements for TFWs arriving into Canada, specific to the 13 exempted NOC's in the agriculture, agri-food, fish and seafood sectors.

## Testing requirements effective from August 9, 202

	Pre-Arrival Test (Pre-Flight)	Day 1 Test**	Day 8 Test	Quarantine *** (14 Days)
Fully Vaccinated* TFW	Required	Randomly Selected	Not required	Not required
Unvaccinated TFW	Required	Required	Required	Required

<sup>\*</sup>To be considered fully vaccinated, a traveller must have received the full series of a vaccine — or combination of vaccines — <u>accepted by the Government of Canada</u> at least 14 days prior to entering Canada. Currently, those vaccines are manufactured by Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD, and Janssen (Johnson & Johnson). Travellers must provide proof of vaccination in English or French (or a certified translation). Travellers can receive their vaccine in any country. (Source: <u>Health Canada</u> Website)

- \*\* If a traveler tests positive on-arrival, he/she must isolate from others right away; will be contacted by local public health authority and must follow instructions; and keep copies of proof of vaccination for 14 days. (Source: Travel Canada Website)
- \*\*\* Final determination of whether or not a traveller qualifies for the quarantine exemption is made by a government representative at the border. The traveller must therefore be prepared to quarantine for 14 days, in case the traveller is symptomatic and/or does not meet the requirements. (Source: <u>Travel</u> <u>Canada Website</u>)

More information on the easing of border measures can be found on the Government of Canada's website, including updated <u>FAQs</u> available in English, French, and Spanish.

Additional information will be shared as it becomes available.