

As you recall, on January 29, 2021, in order to help prevent further introduction and transmission of COVID-19 and new variants of the virus into Canada, the Government of Canada [introduced](#) further restrictions on international travel.

On February 12, 2021, the Government [announced](#) additional information regarding the testing and quarantine requirements for international travellers arriving to Canada's air and land ports of entry.

More specifically, starting February 22, 2021, all air travelers to Canada, including TFWs, will be required to take a COVID-19 molecular test on arrival in Canada before exiting the airport, and another toward the end of their 14-day quarantine period. In addition, travellers will be required to reserve prior to departure to Canada, a 3-night stay in a government-authorized accommodation and to stay at their reserved accommodation at their own cost while they await the results of their arrival test. With a negative test result, travellers will be allowed to proceed to serve the balance of their 14-day quarantine at the location specified in their quarantine plan.

The intention is through temporary exceptions and other measures, to minimize any impediment to the safe and timely entry of TFWs coming to Canada to perform essential work. We will share more information when it becomes available and we will be organizing calls in the coming days to discuss these new measures.

We acknowledge the implications that recent changes in travel requirements have for temporary foreign workers and their employers. Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) is working closely with departments across the federal government to ensure the continued safe and timely entry of temporary foreign workers into Canada in order to maintain the strength of Canada's food supply chain.

Thank you,

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