

Hello,

We would like to send you a few updates regarding COVID-19 and ask you to share this information in your networks.

1. New pathway to permanent residency for over 90,000 essential temporary workers and international graduates

On April 14, 2021, the Honourable Marco E. L. Mendicino, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, announced an innovative pathway to permanent residence for over 90,000 essential workers and international graduates who are actively contributing to Canada's economy. Please click [HERE](#) for the link to the announcement, as well as a detailed explanation of all eligibility requirements.

2. COVID-19 : Entry by Business Visitors, Technicians & Specialists

Attached please find the guidance document "COVID-19: Border Entry by Business Visitors, Technicians, and Specialists" and an information sheet on border entry measures prepared by the Canada Border Service Agency. The information sheet provides a brief overview of possible exemptions for business visitors, technicians, and specialists. All documents are also available on the [Critical Infrastructure Gateway](#).

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3. Follow-up from April 14, 2021 COVID 19 information sharing conference call

Testing: arrival and Day 10

Q. I received a positive test result from my on arrival test. Do I need to complete the day 10 Switch Health test?

A. Travellers who test positive on the Day 1 test will not be required to test again but must remain in isolation in a suitable location for a period of 14 days from the date of the collection of their first sample.

In addition, if you receive a positive result, you no longer have to report your daily symptom status to the Public Health Agency of Canada; however, it is very important to be continuously monitoring your health during your isolation. If symptoms develop or get worse, call 911 or the public health authority in the province or territory where you are located and follow their instructions.

4. COVID-19 Vaccination and Rapid Testing occurring in the regions

The attached COVID-19 Vaccination and Rapid Testing document summarizes information on current COVID-19 vaccination roll out plans and rapid testing initiatives occurring in all regions. **All updates are in blue for easy reference.**

Note that this document is an attempt to synthesize available information only.

Provincial/Territorial (PT) plans and initiatives will continue to be updated and refined over time.

Industry stakeholders should always consult with PT/local authorities for the latest information and to learn more about vaccination plans and rapid testing initiatives.

5. **International Food Supply Chain Recovery**

Attached please find information on the International Food Supply Chain Recovery for the last two months.

6. **Information on Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) from the Public Health Agency of Canada**

There are a number of updated resources available on the Public Health Agency of Canada website for the public including an **Outbreak Update** and the **COVID-19 Virtual Assistant: [Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\)](#)**.

Vaccines

- **COVID-19 Vaccines:**
 - [National Advisory Committee on Immunization \(NACI\): Extended dose intervals for COVID-19 vaccines to optimize early vaccine rollout and population protection in Canada in the context of limited vaccine supply](#)
 - [National Advisory Committee on Immunization \(NACI\): Summary of Extended Dose Intervals Statement of April 7, 2021](#)
 - [Vaccines for COVID-19: How to get vaccinated or register](#)
 - [Reported side effects following COVID-19 vaccination in Canada](#)
 - [COVID-19 vaccination in Canada: Vaccination coverage](#)
 - [Vaccines for COVID-19: Shipments and deliveries](#)

Recalls and Safety Alerts

- [NEW! Health Canada provides update on the AstraZeneca and COVISHIELD COVID-19 vaccines](#)
- [Face masks that contain graphene may pose health risks](#)
- Coronavirus disease (COVID-19): [Travel restrictions, exemptions and advice](#)
- Coronavirus disease (COVID-19): [Awareness resources](#)
 - [NEW! Entering Canada by air during COVID-19](#)
 - [NEW! Entering Canada by land during COVID-19](#)
 - [For travellers with COVID-19 symptoms returning to Canada by land or water](#)
 - [For travellers without symptoms of COVID-19 returning to Canada by land or water](#)
 - [For travellers with COVID-19 symptoms returning to Canada by air](#)
 - [For travellers without symptoms of COVID-19 returning to Canada by air](#)
 - [For persons exempt from mandatory quarantine due to COVID-19](#)

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Reminder: Next AAFC COVID-19 stakeholder call will be held Wednesday April 28th at noon EST.

We encourage you strongly to share your comments and questions in writing through the AAFC Roundtable account (aafc.roundtable-tableronde.aac@canada.ca).

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