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Update on Canadian Federal Government information for Entering Canada

Dear Year 48 Students, Parents, Guardians and Families,

It's the official start of summer here in the northern hemisphere and we wanted to share some good news with you.

We wanted to ensure you have links to today's announcement from the Government of Canada about the easing of certain restrictions for entry to Canada by persons coming from international destinations. These are effective beginning **Monday, 5 July 2021 at 11:59 pm Eastern Time (3:59 am GMT)**.

These revisions apply to foreign nationals, including international students who meet all other entry criteria, who are considered fully vaccinated by Canadian authorities. While details are fully explained below and in the links, the main points of interest to international students and their families are changes to the mandatory quarantines upon arrival.

Entry for international students who cannot complete their full vaccination course within the period above have not changed. **We know this may be challenging depending upon your circumstances, but we continue to encourage all international students to do their utmost to receive their full vaccination course at least 14 days prior to arriving in Canada.**

Links to today's news release and supporting material are below. There is a lot of information in these documents but we encourage you to review these and other important federal government pages such as the [ArriveCAN](#) information site and the ["Find out if you can enter Canada"](#) online checklist.

As always, please remember that travel, public health and other rules and directives can change quickly and on short notice. If you have bookmarked links to reliable online sources, be sure to refresh these pages so that you can access the most up-to-date information.

- [News Release](#): Government of Canada's first phase to easing border measures for travellers entering Canada
- [Backgrounder](#): Phase 1 of easing border measures for travellers entering Canada

- [Backgrounder](#): Individuals approved for permanent residence may travel to Canada as of June 21
- [Infographic](#): Fully vaccinated travellers entering Canada during COVID-19

What does this mean to you as an international student arriving to study at Pearson College UWC this August/September?

- **Beginning July 5, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. EDT, fully vaccinated travellers permitted to enter Canada* will not be subject to the federal requirement to quarantine or take a COVID-19 test eight days after arriving. Fully vaccinated travellers arriving by air will not be required to stay at a government-authorized hotel.**
- *To be able to enter Canada as an international student, you **must** have a valid study permit, and the school you are attending must be considered a designated learning institution (DLI) with a COVID-19 readiness plan approved by its province or territory. (Pearson is a DLI institution with a valid readiness plan.)
- To be considered fully vaccinated, a traveller must have received the full series of a vaccine — or combination of vaccines — **accepted by the Government of Canada at least 14 days before entering Canada.** Currently, those vaccines are manufactured by Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD, and Janssen (Johnson & Johnson).* Travellers can receive their vaccine in any country, and must provide documentation supporting their vaccination in English, French or with a certified translation.
- *The federal government advises that, [“the list of accepted vaccines may expand in the future as evidence becomes available.”](#)
- Fully vaccinated travellers must still meet **all other mandatory requirements**, including pre- and on-arrival testing.
- Fully vaccinated travellers must be asymptomatic, have a paper or digital copy of their vaccination documentation, and provide COVID-19-related information electronically through [ArriveCAN](#) prior to arrival in Canada.
- Fully vaccinated travellers must still present a suitable quarantine plan and be prepared to quarantine if the border officer determines you do not meet all conditions required to be exempt from quarantine. (As with all other exempt travellers, they will be required to follow public health measures in place, such as wearing a mask when in public, keep a copy of their vaccine and test results, as well as a list of close contacts for 14 days after entry to Canada.)

What does not change?

- **Entry to Canada:** You must be eligible for entry -- generally, this means, fully vaccinated or not, foreign nationals cannot enter for discretionary (non-essential) travel.
- **Pre-, on- and post-arrival testing:** Pre- and on-arrival testing requirements for travellers arriving to Canada by air or land continue to apply for everyone, unless otherwise exempted.

- **Quarantine and isolation:** All travellers, including fully vaccinated ones, must provide a suitable quarantine plan. All unvaccinated or partially vaccinated travellers who receive a positive result from their on-arrival or day-8 test must begin isolation for a 14-day period. Travellers who do not meet the requirements for fully vaccinated are still subject to the 14-day quarantine period, even with the receipt of a negative day-8 test result.
- **ArriveCAN:** All travellers entering Canada by air and land, unless exempt, must submit their information into ArriveCAN within **72 hours before arrival** to Canada.

Additional information from Pearson College UWC

- No matter where you are coming from, please note that the College is only able to pick up students from [Victoria International Airport](#) or the [BC Ferries Swartz Bay Terminal](#). **We cannot arrange to pick you up from Vancouver International Airport, for example.**
- Watch for a travel survey to be emailed to you from the College in July so that you can provide and confirm all of your travel information and arrival times.
- Bookmark our [COVID-19 webpage](#) where we post our Campus Safety Plan and updates.
- Students not required to quarantine should arrive on campus on 3 September 2021. The College cannot accommodate students who arrive earlier. Ferry terminal or Victoria airport pick-up will be available, but you must confirm your flight details and arrival time with us.
- If you are unable to receive the full series of Canadian Government approved COVID vaccinations at least 14 days prior to arrival, you will still need to quarantine.
 - Students 18 and over upon arrival need to book a [mandatory 3-day stay in a government-authorized hotel](#) in the city of first arrival in Canada before they travel. If you test negative for COVID-19 you will be allowed to travel to Victoria where you can complete the remainder of your quarantine at the College’s designated hotel.
 - Students under 18 upon arrival must proceed directly to Victoria International Airport (YYJ) on 20 August for quarantine at the College’s designated hotel. You must confirm your flight number, arrival time and any subsequent updates to these before you arrive so that we can arrange an airport pick-up. If you are absolutely unable to arrive on 20 August, please email us as soon as possible.

So much information to share – thank you for reading through all of it! Lastly, I wanted to remind you about some key dates:

Arrival on Campus:	3 September 2021
Winter Break Departure Date:	17 December 2021
Arrival on Campus after Winter Break:	8/9 January 2022
Classes Resume	10 January 2022
Student Departure Date:	24 May 2022

We are looking forward to seeing you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Craig Davis', is positioned in the upper left corner of the page. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Craig Davis
President and Head of College