

# Guidance Regarding Travel to Nova Scotia from Canada, United States and other International Markets

\*Please note: this information is accurate as of July 23, 2021. Travel restrictions and public health guidelines are subject to change.

Please visit <https://tourismns.ca/covid-19-updates-and-resources> for the latest information.

## Canadian Travellers

### Who can come to Nova Scotia without isolating?

- ✓ **Residents of Atlantic Canada (Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and Labrador, New Brunswick) who have only traveled within Atlantic Canada**
  - No self-isolation requirements
  - No vaccine requirements
  - No Safe Check-in Form required
  - Must have identification confirming residence in one of the Atlantic provinces
  
- ✓ **Residents of any Canadian province or territory outside of Atlantic Canada with two doses of vaccine at least 14 days before arriving in Nova Scotia**
  - No self-isolation requirements
  - Testing is recommended but not required
    - All travellers can book tests online at testing sites around the province here: <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/symptoms-and-testing/#who-can-be-tested>
  - Safe Check-in Form is required - <https://travel-declaration.novascotia.ca/en>
    - Approval is often automatic on the condition that you upload proof of vaccination.
  - You must also have your Safe Check-in confirmation and proof of vaccination to show border officials if asked.
  - Children under the age of 19 follow the same protocols as the least vaccinated adult in the group (unless they are traveling alone, in which case they isolate based on their own vaccination status).
  
- ✓ **People who have already spent 14 days in Atlantic Canada (Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and Labrador, New Brunswick)**
  - No self-isolation requirements
  - No vaccine requirements
  - No Safe Check-in Form required
  - Some form of proof that you spent 14 days in another Atlantic province, such as hotel bill or gas/food receipts is required

### Who can come to Nova Scotia and still needs to isolate?

- ✓ **People coming from provinces and territories outside of Atlantic Canada with one dose of vaccine at least 14 days before arriving in Nova Scotia, or who received their second dose of vaccine less than 14 days before arrival.**

- Self-isolation for at least seven days and cannot leave isolation until they get two negative tests results while in Nova Scotia; tests should be on day one or two and on day five or six
    - Tests for travellers must be standard PCR lab tests. They cannot be rapid tests.
    - For people arriving in Halifax or Sydney by air, they can get their first test at the Halifax Stanfield International Airport or JA Douglas McCurdy Airport.
    - All travellers can book tests online at testing sites around the province here: <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/symptoms-and-testing/#who-can-be-tested>
  - Safe Check-in Form is required - <https://travel-declaration.novascotia.ca/en> You must also have your Safe Check-in confirmation and proof of vaccination to show border officials if asked.
  - Children under the age of 19 follow the same protocols as the least vaccinated adult in the group (unless they are traveling alone, in which case they isolate based on their own vaccination status).
- ✓ **People coming from provinces and territories outside of Atlantic Canada who have a letter from Public Health in a Canadian province or territory stating that they've recovered from COVID-19 less than 12 weeks before arriving in Nova Scotia and are partially vaccinated (first dose of COVID-19 vaccine) at least 14 days before arriving in Nova Scotia.**
- Self-isolation for 7 days
  - Testing is recommended (but you don't need to get tested in order to leave self-isolation after 7 days)
    - All travellers can book tests online at testing sites around the province here: <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/symptoms-and-testing/#who-can-be-tested>
  - Safe Check-in Form is required - <https://travel-declaration.novascotia.ca/en> You must also have your Safe Check-in confirmation and proof of vaccination to show border officials if asked.
- ✓ **People coming from provinces and territories outside of Atlantic Canada with one dose of vaccine less than 14 days OR no doses of vaccine before arriving in Nova Scotia**
- Self-isolation for 14 days
  - Testing at the beginning and end of their isolation continues to be recommended.
  - All travellers can book tests online at testing sites around the province here: <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/symptoms-and-testing/#who-can-be-tested>
  - Safe Check-in Form is required - <https://travel-declaration.novascotia.ca/en>
  - Children under the age of 19 follow the same protocols as the least vaccinated adult in the group.

## Guidelines for Children under the age of 19

- If a group, such as a family, is entering the province together and staying together in Nova Scotia, each adult needs their own Safe Check-in form and children under the age of 19 are to be included on the form of the least vaccinated adult in the group.
  - They can all stay in the same place and interact with each other.
    - For example, if a family arrives together and the father is fully vaccinated 14 days before arriving but the mother has no vaccination, the father is able to come and go while the mother and children isolate for 14 days. The children should be included on the mother's Safe Check-in form.
- If a child is 16 or older and traveling alone, they complete the Nova Scotia Safe Check-in form for themselves (or a parent completes it in the child's name) and they need to upload the child's proof of vaccination status. Isolation is based on the child's vaccination status and testing.
- If a child under the age of 16 is traveling alone, then the parent or adult who is picking up the child when they arrive in Nova Scotia needs to complete the form for the child. They complete the form in their own name (even though the adult is not traveling) and add the child to their form. They need to upload proof of the child's vaccination status. The child's isolation is based on their own vaccination status and testing.
- If an adult or child is traveling for child custody reasons, they need to follow the child custody protocol: <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/docs/COVID-19-Protocol-for-child-custody-en.pdf>

## International Travellers

### When are international travellers allowed to come to Canada for discretionary/tourism travel?

- ✓ **Effective August 9, 2021:** Canada will begin allowing entry to fully vaccinated American citizens and permanent residents (currently residing in the US) for discretionary travel (tourism, business events, etc). If they meet the entry [criteria](#), fully vaccinated travellers will not have to quarantine upon arrival to Canada.
- ✓ **Effective September 7, 2021:** The Government of Canada will open its borders for discretionary travel by fully vaccinated travellers [from any country](#) who meet entry requirements.

*Note: Canada currently has a ban in place on flights from India due to the severity of that country's outbreak of the Delta variant of COVID-19. That ban is being extended to at least August 21, 2021.*

## **What are the entry requirements for international travellers to come to Canada?**

*Effective August 9 for US travellers and September 7 for travellers from any country*

- Travellers are no longer required to stay at a government-authorized hotel
- All travellers must use [ArriveCAN](#) (app or web portal) to submit their travel information.
- All travellers five years of age or older to Canada, regardless of vaccination status, are required to have a pre-entry COVID-19 molecular negative test result within 72 hours of entry into Canada or within the scheduled departure time of your flight.
  - More information about testing requirements can be found [here](#).
  - Individuals who have recovered from COVID-19, but continue to test positive, will be required to present a positive COVID-19 molecular test result on a specimen taken 14 to 180 days prior to arrival in Canada as part of the pre-arrival test requirements.
- Fully vaccinated travellers will not need a post-arrival test unless they have been randomly selected to complete a Day 1 COVID-19 molecular test.
- Fully vaccinated travellers who meet the requirements will be exempt from quarantine.
  - Fully vaccinated travellers are people who have gone two weeks (14 days) since a full course of one of the four COVID-19 vaccines approved by Health Canada -- Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, Oxford-AstraZeneca or Johnson & Johnson.
  - Border officials will want to see a paper or digital copy of vaccination documentation, and a certified translation of same if the original is not in either English or French.
- Children under 12 who are accompanied by fully vaccinated adults can also enter Canada without quarantining but will be required to wear a mask in public and avoid group settings, such as schools, day cares and summer camps during the first 14 days after their arrival.
- Unvaccinated travellers permitted to travel to Canada must quarantine for 14 days with mandatory on-arrival and Day 8 testing.
- All travellers, vaccinated or not, must present a suitable quarantine plan in case quarantine is required

## **How do international travellers come to Nova Scotia?**

- Travellers coming to Nova Scotia from outside Canada must follow Government of Canada rules, including testing and quarantine requirements.
- Additionally, everyone who travels to Nova Scotia from outside Atlantic Canada, including from outside of Canada, needs to apply to travel to Nova Scotia by completing the [Nova Scotia Safe Check-in Form](#) before they travel to the province, even if they're exempt from self-isolation.

## **Information for Travellers**

- Provincial
  - Updates and Resources: <https://www.novascotia.com/travel-info/coronavirus>
  - Frequently Asked Questions: <https://www.novascotia.com/travel-info/covid-19-faq>
- Federal

- [Backgrounder: Easing border measures for fully vaccinated travellers entering Canada](#)
- [FAQ and contacts page](#)
- [COVID-19: Travel, testing, quarantine and borders](#)
- [ArriveCAN](#)
- [COVID-19: Summary data about travellers, testing and compliance](#)
- [COVID-19 measures, updates, and guidance for aviation](#)

### **Information for Tourism Businesses**

- Updates and Resources: <https://tourismns.ca/covid-19-updates-and-resources>
- Frequently Asked Questions: <https://tourismns.ca/covid-19-tourism-industry-frequently-asked-questions>
- Nova Scotia's Reopening Plan: <https://novascotia.ca/reopening-plan/>