

RSTP Bulletin

The latest news and updates on Canada's Refugee Sponsorship and Resettlement Programs

A Summary of the Requirements for Persons Arriving or Entering Canada

As [travel to Canada starts to resume for sponsored refugees](#), it is important for sponsors to understand the Government of Canada's entry requirements that are currently in effect to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

The requirements are mandatory and must be followed by anyone entering or arriving Canada by land, rail, sea or air.

This includes refugees that are sponsored to Canada under the Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR), the Blended Visa Officer Referred (BVOR), the Joint Assistance Sponsorship (JAS) and the Government Assisted Refugees (GAR) programs.

Sponsors have a responsibility to make arrangements that will enable the refugees to comply with the entry requirements when they arrive at their final destination in the community of settlement.

Persons arriving in Canada **without** [signs or symptoms](#) of COVID-19 **must** quarantine for a minimum of 14 days immediately on arrival in a place where:

- They will have access to [food and medication](#); and,
- They will have no contact with [vulnerable people](#).

They must also:

- [Wear a non-medical mask or face covering](#) while travelling to the place they will quarantine;
- Go directly to their place of quarantine without stopping anywhere (such as grocery stores, gas stations or other public areas);
- Arrange for someone to pick up [food, medication and any other basic essentials](#) that are required;
- Monitor their health for any [signs or symptoms of COVID-19](#);
- Not have any visitors during the 14-day quarantine period; and,
- Stay in a private place, such as a yard or balcony, if they go outside for fresh air.

If persons without symptoms on arrival in Canada develop any [signs or symptoms of COVID-19](#) during the mandatory 14-day quarantine period, they must:

- Isolate themselves from others;
- Call a health care professional or a [public health authority](#), explain their symptoms to them and follow their instructions; and,
- Start the 14-day quarantine period again from the date they showed symptoms.

Persons arriving in Canada **with** [signs or symptoms of COVID-19](#) **must** isolate for 14 days immediately.

Sponsored refugees with symptoms on arrival will either:

- Be taken to a Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) facility where they can isolate for the 14-day period; or,
- Be taken to a hospital if they require immediate medical care and assistance.

Downloadable summaries of the entry requirements are available in several languages on the PHAC website [here](#) and [here](#).

It is strongly recommended that sponsors check the PHAC [website](#) before the refugees arrive for the latest and most up-to-date information on the entry requirements.

It is also recommended that sponsors contact their [provincial or territorial public health agency](#) and their municipality to see if there are any additional requirements to comply with in the community of settlement.

RSTP has created a [resource kit](#) which will assist sponsors with making suitable arrangements that will enable the refugees to comply with the entry requirements.

ICYMI: Recording of Webinar w/IRCC on the Travel Resumption Process

To view a recording of the webinar with IRCC on the travel resumption process, please [click here](#).

During the webinar, IRCC explained:

- The conditions that need to be met before travel from a particular country can resume;
- The process that will be followed by IRCC before travel to Canada is booked; and,
- Sponsors' responsibilities when welcoming refugees.

UPCOMING ONLINE WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS

Upcoming RSTP Webinars in the July

Preparing for Arrival and Providing Post-Arrival Support: Handling Unrealistic Expectations and Practicing Ethical Consideration

Date: Tuesday July 21, 2020

Time: 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm EDT

Registration: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7391787283556649743>

Preparing and Transitioning to Month 13

Date: Tuesday July 28, 2020

Time: 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm EDT

Registration: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5098608449271709455>

Upcoming RSTP Webinars in French

Démystifions la soumission par courriel d'une demande de parrainage de réfugiés

Date: Saturday July 18, 2020

Time: 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm EDT

Registration: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/9064052110423008524>

CCVT Webinar Series on Working with Survivors of Torture During COVID-19

The Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture (CCVT) is hosting a free six-part webinar series on working with survivors of torture during the pandemic.

The series covers:

- Navigating financial support for survivors of torture and war during COVID-19;
- Narrative therapy: Supporting the mental health wellbeing of survivors of torture and war;
- Working with women survivors of torture;
- Working with children and youth survivors of torture and war;
- COVID-19 and parenting; and,
- Promising practices on self-care.

To register, please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/canadian-centre-for-the-victims-of-torture-7489815257>

Have Questions? Contact Your Nearest RSTP Trainer

RSTP Trainers are available to provide online workshops and webinars, assistance and support to refugee sponsors.

To find your nearest RSTP Trainer, and the contact details of other RSTP staff, please [click here](#).

How to Submit a PSR Application to ROC-O Via Email

If you are submitting a new PSR sponsorship application to ROC-O, you are strongly advised to do so [via email](#).

Please ensure that all new PSR applications are complete, and all the required forms and supporting documents are included with the application package, as currently there are no exemptions from the application requirements for new PSR applications being submitted to ROC-O.

Detailed instructions on how to submit an application to ROC-O via email can be found in the guides for [SAHs](#), [Groups of Five](#) and [Community Sponsors](#).

A video explaining how to prepare and submit an refugee sponsorship application to ROC-O via email can be found [here](#).



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