

# RSTP Bulletin

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



## You Asked

**Are there any updates on how sponsored refugees travelling to Canada are expected to comply with the negative COVID-19 testing requirements that came into effect on January 07, 2021?**

## Answer

As of January 07, 2021, all persons travelling to Canada by air that are over the age of 5, including sponsored refugees, are required to test negative for COVID-19 before travelling to Canada.

Documentation of a negative laboratory test result must be presented to the airline prior to boarding a flight to Canada.

The test must be performed using a COVID-19 molecular polymerase chain reaction (PCR) or Loop mediated isothermal amplification (LAMP) test and must be taken within 72 hours prior to the traveller's scheduled departure to Canada.

The onus is on the traveller to get a test and provide proof of their test result.

For sponsored refugees, IRCC has a protocol in place with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) to provide certain COVID-19 related pre-departure health measures, including testing.

In locations where the IOM is assisting with the travel arrangements for refugees and has sufficient medical lab capacity, the IOM will also assist with the logistics for refugees to get tested for COVID-19 pre-departure with no cost to the refugees.

After arrival, all persons entering Canada must still

complete the [mandatory 14-day quarantine](#).

For more details on the negative COVID-19 test requirement for air travellers, please click [here](#) and [here](#).

## You Asked

**Can travellers move to different accommodation during the mandatory 14-day quarantine period?**

## Answer

No, the place of quarantine should not be changed in any circumstances other than an emergency (e.g. the place of quarantine gets flooded, there is a fire or something else that forces a change).

The reason for this is because the goal of the quarantine period is to minimize how much contact the traveller has with non-travellers.

If the place of quarantine needs to be changed in the event of an emergency, the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) must be informed via email at:

[phac.quarantine.covid19.quarantaine.aspc@canada.ca](mailto:phac.quarantine.covid19.quarantaine.aspc@canada.ca)

PHAC must always approve changes of address during the quarantine period.

However, PHAC understands that in some emergencies it may not be possible to inform them of the address change and wait for approval.

In these situations, PHAC should be informed as soon as possible after the incident.

For multi-language resources on the mandatory 14-day quarantine requirement for travellers, including details on what is considered a suitable place of quarantine, please click [here](#).

# UPCOMING WORKSHOPS, WEBINARS & E-TRAINING COURSES

## Webinars in February 2021

### What is the Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR) Program and How Does it Work?

**Date:** Thursday February 04, 2021  
**Time:** 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM EST  
**Registration:** [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://gotowebinar.com)

### Preparing a Settlement Plan: The Financial and Settlement Responsibilities of Sponsors under the PSR Program

**Date:** Thursday February 11, 2021  
**Time:** 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM EST  
**Registration:** [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://gotowebinar.com)

### How to Prepare a Successful Application Package under the PSR Program

**Date:** Tuesday February 16, 2021  
**Time:** 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM EST  
**Registration:** [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://gotowebinar.com)

### How to Submit a Refugee Sponsorship Application to ROC-O Via Email and Updating Applications After Submission

**Date:** Thursday February 18, 2021  
**Time:** 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM EST  
**Registration:** [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://gotowebinar.com)

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

**Date:** Tuesday February 23, 2021  
**Time:** 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM EST  
**Registration:** [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://gotowebinar.com)

### Preparing and Transitioning to Month 13

**Date:** Thursday February 25, 2021  
**Time:** 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM EST  
**Registration:** [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://gotowebinar.com)

## Workshop for CGs and Co-Sponsors of SAHs

**Date:** Saturday January 30, 2021  
**Time:** 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM EST  
**Registration:** [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

## Suivez notre cours en ligne d'introduction au parrainage privé des réfugiés!

Nous offrons cet hiver la version française de notre cours en ligne d'introduction au parrainage privé des réfugiés (IET 101FR)! Ce cours gratuit de 10 semaines s'adresse aux groupes de parrainage, fournisseurs de service et autres individus intéressés et donne un survol du Programme de parrainage privé de réfugiés géré par le gouvernement fédéral du Canada.

Les participants ayant réussi les 8 quiz hebdomadaires et l'examen final recevront un certificat d'achèvement et auront la possibilité de s'inscrire à notre cours avancé.

Le cours débutera le lundi 8 février 2021. **La date limite d'inscription est le mercredi 3 février 2021, à 23 h 59 (HNE).**

Pour de plus amples renseignements ou pour vous inscrire, envoyez un courriel à [eformation@rstp.ca](mailto:eformation@rstp.ca)



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