

# RSTP Bulletin

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

## The New Testing Requirements and Sponsored Refugees

As of February 22, 2021, all persons entering Canada by air, including sponsored refugees, are required to take a COVID-19 molecular test on arrival and stay in a government-authorized hotel for three nights while waiting for the results of the test.

After receiving the results, the travellers will be required to [quarantine](#) or [isolate](#) for the remainder of the 14-day period (the 14 days starts from the date of arrival in Canada).

These requirements [apply even if the travellers have been vaccinated for COVID-19](#).

For sponsored refugees, an [IRCC funded Service Provider Organization \(SPO\)](#) will coordinate the hotel bookings and transportation to the hotel. At the hotel, the sponsored refugees will be provided with food and will have access to Wi-Fi and phones. The cost of the hotel stay and transportation will be covered by IRCC.

Sponsors will not be able to visit the refugees while they are staying at the hotel but can communicate with them via the phone and/or video calls (if they already have a laptop, smartphone or tablet) during their stay.

Sponsors should contact the refugees during their three-night stay at the government-authorized hotel to ensure they have arrived safely, understand what to expect during their stay at the hotel and to ensure that they have [reported their arrival](#) at the hotel via [ArriveCAN](#) or by calling 1-833-641-0343 (toll-free).

### ***If the Test is Negative***

If a negative COVID-19 test result is received, the sponsored refugees will continue travelling to their final destination, where they will be required to [quarantine for the remainder of the 14-day period](#).

Sponsors should make arrangements to transport the refugees from their final destination to their place of quarantine. If the hotel is already in the community of settlement, sponsors should make arrangements to transport the refugees from the hotel to their place of quarantine.

Towards the end of the quarantine period, the refugees must take a second COVID-19 test provided by the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC). The second test is self-administered, and instructions will be provided by PHAC on how to take the test and send it back.

The refugees are required to stay in their place of quarantine until the quarantine period has ended and a second negative test result is received.

For more information on the requirements for persons without symptoms in multiple languages, including details on what is considered to be a suitable place of quarantine, please [click here](#).

### ***If the Test is Positive***

If a positive COVID-19 test result is received, the refugees will be transferred to a PHAC-administered quarantine facility in the city where they landed and they will be required to [isolate for the remainder of the 14-day period](#).

The cost of this will be paid for by the Government of Canada.

## **Updated Travel Resumption Resource Kit for Refugee Sponsors Available!**

The RSTP Travel Resumption Resource Kit for Refugee Sponsors has been updated to reflect the latest requirements.

The latest version is available to download from the RSTP website [here](#). The French version is currently being updated and will be made available shortly.

# UPCOMING RSTP ONLINE WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS

## Workshops

### Transitioning to Month 13: What Happens Next?

**Date:** Saturday February 27, 2021  
**Time:** 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM AST  
**Registration:** [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

### Posez-moi n'importe quelle question sur le parrainage des réfugiés!

**Date:** Samedi 27 février 2021  
**Heure:** 13 h à 15 h HNE  
**Inscription:** [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

### How to Submit a Refugee Sponsorship Application to ROC-O Via Email for Groups of Five and Community Sponsors

**Date:** Tuesday March 09, 2021  
**Time:** 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM PST  
**Registration:** [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

### Welcoming Newcomers During COVID-19 (1 Year Later)

**Date:** Thursday March 18, 2021  
**Time:** 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM AST  
**Registration:** [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

### Application Forms Clinic for Groups of Five and Community Sponsors (English and French)

**Date:** Tuesday March 23, 2021  
**Time:** 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM PST  
**Registration:** [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

### For CGs and Co-Sponsors of SAHs

**Date:** Saturday March 27, 2021  
**Time:** 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM EST  
**Registration:** [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

## Webinars

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

**Date:** Friday March 05, 2021  
**Time:** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM EST  
**Registration:** [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](#)

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

**Date:** Tuesday March 09, 2021  
**Time:** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM EST  
**Registration:** [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](#)

### How to Prepare a Successful Application Package under the Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR) Program

**Date:** Thursday March 11, 2021  
**Time:** 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM EST  
**Registration:** [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](#)

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

**Date:** Friday March 19, 2021  
**Time:** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM EST  
**Registration:** [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](#)

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

**Date:** Wednesday March 24, 2021  
**Time:** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM EST  
**Registration:** [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](#)



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