

# RSTP Bulletin

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

## Inquiries

### You Asked

**When an unaccompanied minor travels to Canada, will they be provided with an escort?**

### Answer

Yes, all unaccompanied minors travelling to Canada will be provided with an escort from the International Organization for Migration (IOM) for the duration of their travel to Canada.

Sponsors and the parent/s (or the legal guardian) will be informed of the arrangements and the travel itinerary via the Notification of Arrival Transmission (NAT), which is generally sent a minimum of 10 days before travel.

### You Asked

**When the minor arrives in Canada, will the parent/s or legal guardian be allowed to meet them at the airport to assist them?**

### Answer

The [IRCC funded Service Provider Organization](#) (SPO) at the airport will assist the unaccompanied minor at the airport with immigration, customs and the on-arrival COVID-19 test.

A custom arrival plan will be developed for the unaccompanied minor in consultation with the parent/s or legal guardian, the sponsors and the SPO, considering the minor's situation and age.

### You Asked

**Will the parent/s or legal guardian be permitted to stay with the unaccompanied**

**minor at the hotel while they are waiting for the results of their COVID-19 test?**

### Answer

Unaccompanied minors are exempt from the requirement to stay at a government-authorized hotel while waiting for their test results.

### You Asked

**Are refugees informed of the 3-night stay at the hotel before they travel to Canada?**

### Answer

Yes, the IOM shares information on the entry requirements with the refugees during the Canadian Orientation Abroad (COA) and at the point of departure.

### You Asked

**For refugees that self-book their travel to Canada, will the cost of the 3-night stay at the hotel be covered by IRCC?**

### Answer

No, refugees (or sponsors) who book travel themselves are responsible for managing all pre- and post arrival requirements, including making their own hotel reservations for the mandatory 3-night stay as well as covering the costs themselves.

Information on approved hotels and how to book them can be found [here](#).

Sponsors and refugees are strongly encouraged to let the IOM arrange travel as there are measures in place to ensure the proper procedures are followed by booking the hotel, arranging for transit to the hotel and covering the costs of the hotel stay.

# VIRTUAL ENGAGEMENT MEETINGS WITH IRCC

## Groups of Five & Community Sponsors

### Ontario

**Date:** Monday March 29, 2021  
**Time:** 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM EDT  
**Registration:** [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://www.gotowebinar.com)

### Central and Western Canada (MB, SK and AB)

**Date:** Wednesday March 31, 2021  
**Time:** 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM MDT  
**Registration:** [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://www.gotowebinar.com)



## SAHs, Constituent Groups & Co-Sponsors

### Atlantic Region (NB, NL, PEI and NS)

**Date:** Wednesday April 07, 2021  
**Time:** 2:00PM – 4:00PM ADT  
**Registration:** [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://www.gotowebinar.com)

### Ontario

**Date:** Thursday April 08, 2021  
**Time:** 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM EDT  
**Registration:** [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://www.gotowebinar.com)

### Central and Western Canada (MB, SK and AB)

**Date:** Monday April 12, 2021  
**Time:** 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM MDT  
**Registration:** [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://www.gotowebinar.com)

### British Columbia

**Date:** Wednesday April 14, 2021  
**Time:** 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM PDT  
**Registration:** [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://www.gotowebinar.com)

## RSTP WORKSHOPS, WEBINARS & DISCUSSION GROUPS

### For Constituent Groups & Co-Sponsors

**Date:** Saturday March 27, 2021  
**Time:** 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM EDT  
**Registration:** [Meeting Registration - Zoom](https://www.rstp.ca)

### Submitting Applications via Email

**Date:** Sunday March 28, 2021  
**Time:** 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM CST  
**Registration:** Email [hsmithmcintyre@rstp.ca](mailto:hsmithmcintyre@rstp.ca) or call 306-343-8303

### Ask a Trainer Anything (about Sponsorship!)

**When:** Every Thursday until the end of April 2021  
**Time:** 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM EDT  
**Where:** <https://msngr.com/rosjotvftnni>



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