

RSTP Bulletin

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

Update re: Departures from Sudan (IRCC Rome)

Since the coup in Khartoum on October 25th, no refugees have been able to depart from Sudan. The IOM is currently rebooking everyone as per the linked [schedule](#) (mostly PSR clients). Some major demonstrations are scheduled this week (Nov 4 and 7) in Khartoum, so the situation may evolve. Currently, the international airlines are postponing their flights and the airport is open for national travel only.



You Asked

When a fully vaccinated newcomer arrives with a vaccine that is not approved in Canada, the government of Canada suggests that they get one dose of an approved vaccine. Will this third vaccine classify them as fully vaccinated by Canadian standards?

Answer

No, they would not be considered fully vaccinated until they receive 2 doses of a vaccine that is approved by the government of Canada (or a single dose of the Janssen/Johnson & Johnson vaccine).

In Canada, only 4 vaccines are approved for travelling. In order to be able to travel and to benefit from the fully vaccinated exemptions, a person would need to have 2 doses of the Moderna/ Spikevax vaccine, or 2 doses of the Pfizer vaccine, or 2 doses of the AstraZeneca/ Vaxzevria vaccine, or 1 dose of the Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) vaccine.

For more detailed information: VISIT the "[Covid-19 Vaccinated Travellers Entering Canada](#)" page.

You Asked

Sponsors are ready to follow quarantine requirements, but we need clear information for fully vaccinated newcomers. Newcomers aren't given clear paperwork at points of entry to help the sponsors understand.

Answer

A **green** handout is given to unvaccinated people. This will direct them to quarantine for 14 days, they must complete 2 Covid-19 tests during this period. The first, at the airport, the second on the 8th day after arrival. They will also be asked to report to and monitor symptoms through the ArriveCan App or via phone # 1-833-641-0343

[View green handout.](#)

A **turquoise** handout is given to fully vaccinated people. They may be subject to randomized testing at the airport. They do not have to quarantine, nor do the 8th day test. [View turquoise handout.](#)

A **red** handout is given to people who have symptoms or test positive for Covid-19 on arrival. They must isolate for 10 days and take a Covid-19 test on day 1 and another on day 8 of isolation.

They will also need to report and monitor their symptoms via the ArriveCan App or via phone # 1-833-641-0343. [View red handout.](#)

You Asked

How do we make last-minute changes to the quarantine address? Can the quarantine address be changed during the quarantine period?

Answer

Sponsors can simply send an e-mail with details to the email address provided

phac.quarantine.covid19.quarantaine.aspc@canada.ca.

The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) is expecting changes to be exceptional in this case, however PHAC understands that changes can happen.

If sponsors are changing the address before arrival, please send a new quarantine plan to IRCC so that it is uploaded to the file in the Global Case Management System (GCMS) because that is where the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) and PHAC know to check for the quarantine plan upon arrival.

UPCOMING RSTP ONLINE TRAINING WEBINARS

Monthly Webinar Series



Preparing a Settlement Plan

Date: Monday November 08, 2021
Time: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM MST
Registration: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://gotowebinar.com)

Preparing for a Successful Application

Date: Wednesday November 10, 2021
Time: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM MST
Registration: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://gotowebinar.com)

Preparing for Arrival & Orientation

Date: Tuesday November 16, 2021
Time: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM MST
Registration: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://gotowebinar.com)

Fulfilling your Obligations through Assurance

Date: Friday November 19, 2021
Time: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM MST
Registration: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://gotowebinar.com)



Workshops for Groups of 5 & Community Sponsors (Virtual)

Post-arrival Matters of Fulfilling Settlement Obligations (G5's & CS)

Date: Wednesday November 17, 2021
Time: 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM EDT
Registration: [Zoom](https://zoom.us)

Introduction to the Group of 5 Sponsorship – Part 1 (RSTP in partnership with HMC Connections)

Date: Monday November 22, 2021
Time: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM EDT
Registration: [Zoom](https://zoom.us)

Post-Arrival Budget Calculation & Assurance Activities (G5 & CS)

Date: Wednesday November 24, 2021
Time: 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM EDT
Registration: [Zoom](https://zoom.us)

The Refugee Hub – Online Art Exhibit (Call for Submissions)

The Refugee Hub is calling for contributions for an online art exhibit they are launching in connection with the Capstone Symposium of their Research Colloquium on Refugee Sponsorship, which will be held in early 2022.

Artistic and ‘artefact’ contributions are invited from people who have lived experience with refugee sponsorship: The deadline for submissions is December 12th 2021.

For submission details, please [contact](mailto:eliza.bateman@refugeehub.ca) : eliza.bateman@refugeehub.ca

