

RSTP Bulletin

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



Photo: The Honourable Marco E.L. Mendicino, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship and member of parliament for Eglinton-Lawrence, Ontario with members of the Refugee Sponsorship Training Program (RSTP) at the annual SAH Conference.

The annual Sponsorship Agreement Holder Conference is well underway, opened on Monday by the Honourable Marco E.L. Mendicino, Minister of Immigration, Citizenship and Refugees Canada. This year marks our second ever virtual conference, with 258 participants registered, including representatives from over 110 SAH's.

Speakers from UNHCR and IOM Canada, ROC-O, IRCC, the SAH Council and Navigation Unit as well as members from Indigenous Communities are set to deliver updates and info sessions on timely topics, including an info session on the *Afghanistan Humanitarian Commitment* as well as a day dedicated to teaching and learning ways to *Strengthen Connections between Sponsored Newcomers and Indigenous Communities*. Stay tuned for our special post-conference announcements and news.



How can a SAH know that a PSR newcomer has been exempt from the requirement to quarantine? Is there any documentation provided to the newcomer in this regard?

Alternatively, does IRCC expect us to act entirely based on what the PA tells us after leaving the airport?

Answer

Immigrant Reception & Information Services ([IRIS](#)) at Toronto Pearson Airport provide assistance to all Government Assisted Refugees and Privately Sponsored Refugees. They informed us that travelers who have been exempt from the mandatory quarantine are given a handout titled [“Mandatory Requirements for Fully Vaccinated Travelers without COVID-19 Symptoms Arriving in Canada by Land, Air, or Water.”](#) However, IRIS shared that they had not seen a lot of resettled refugees (PSRs and GARs) receive this document. Therefore, please see our answer to the next question.

You Asked

We noticed that a circular lime-green ‘PHAC’ sticker had been placed on this particular newcomer’s Single Journey Travel Document. What is the meaning of this sticker?

Answer

Immigration Reception & Information Services ([IRIS](#)) advised that when the travelers, including resettled refugees, are told they are exempt from quarantine, the CBSA officer will put a lime green circle sticker (printed with PHAC) on their documents, so, they will not need to line up to receive the COVID-19 test at the airport and quarantine. There are security guards checking every passenger’s document before they are permitted to go outside to the public area.

*Please note that this is the current procedure at the Toronto Pearson Airport.

UPCOMING RSTP ONLINE WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS

Monthly Webinars

Information Sessions on the Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR) Program

Date: Saturday October 23, 2021

Time: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM MDT

Registration: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://www.gotowebinar.com)

French Language Webinars

Conclure une année de parrainage réussie

Date: Mardi Octobre 22 2021

Time: 15 h à 17 h (EDT)

Inscription: [Inscription \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://www.gotowebinar.com)

Workshop for CGs & Co-Sponsors of SAHs

Orientation on the responsibilities of CGs and co-sponsors when working with SAHs to sponsor refugees under the Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR) program.

Date: Saturday October 30, 2021

Time: 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM EDT

Registration: [Zoom](https://www.zoom.us)

Sponsors: We can connect you with a settlement worker!

Are you a member of a Group of Five or a Community Sponsor who is anticipating the arrival of a sponsored refugee?

Let us match you with a settlement worker who can support you, so that you are better equipped to connect the sponsored refugee(s) with all of the settlement supports available to them.

Contact our Connection Facilitator, [May Amouri](mailto:mamouri@rstp.ca)

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