

Flying to Canada Update

Dear Students,

As you begin your preparations for flying to Canada, we want to provide you with the updated requirements for flying to Canada.

Travel to Canada

- All travellers, regardless of vaccination status, will still require a pre-entry COVID-19 molecular test result. However effective August 9, 2021, the Government of Canada is adjusting its post-arrival testing strategy for fully vaccinated travellers. Using a new border testing surveillance program at airports and land border crossings, fully vaccinated travellers will not need a post-arrival test unless they have been randomly selected to complete a Day 1 COVID-19 molecular test. There are no changes to the mandatory testing requirements for unvaccinated travellers.
- Fully vaccinated travellers who meet the requirements will be exempt from quarantine; however, all travellers must still provide a quarantine plan and be prepared to quarantine in case it is determined at the border that they do not meet the necessary requirements.

To be considered **fully vaccinated**, travellers must:

- Have received the full series of a COVID-19 vaccine in their own country at least 14 days prior to entering Canada. The vaccines must be accepted by the Government of Canada. Currently, those vaccines are manufactured by Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD, and Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) .
- Provide proof of vaccination in English or French (or a certified translation).
- Meet the pre-entry and on-arrival testing requirements (pre-departure PCR and take arrival test, if required as random testing may occur even if fully vaccinated) and be asymptomatic.

- Submit all required COVID-19 information electronically into ArriveCAN prior to travel to Canada, upon arrival the traveller must be asymptomatic, have a paper or digital copy of their proof of vaccination, and have a suitable quarantine plan and be prepared to quarantine, in case it is determined at the border that they do not meet all of the conditions required to be exempt from quarantine. If you do not have a quarantine/self-isolation form, please feel free to use the one here: <https://ugdsbisp.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Quarantine-or-Self-Isolation-Plan-Form.pdf>. This form will need to be presented to border security at the airport, or your point of entry.

The final determination regarding exemption is made by a government representative at the border based on information presented at the time of entry into Canada. As mentioned, any traveller arriving at the border can be randomly chosen by border security to have a COVID-19 test. As with all other exempt travellers, they will be required to follow public health measures in place, such as wearing a mask when in public, keep a copy of their vaccine and test results, as well as keep a list of all close contacts for 14 days after entry to Canada.

Requirements for international students entering Canada, who are **not fully vaccinated**, have not changed. The requirements are:

- A pre-entry test
- An arrival test
- A day 8 test
- 14 day quarantine plan

Since all non-vaccinated international students **MUST** quarantine for 14 days, our new and returning students will need to be in Canada by August 21st/22nd, 2021. This would allow our students to quarantine for the required 14 days and start school, on time, on September 7. Homestay programs have sent quarantine/self-isolation forms to students under their care. If you do not have a quarantine/self-isolation form, please feel free to use the one here: <https://ugdsbisp.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Quarantine-or-Self-Isolation-Plan-Form.pdf>.

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School Re-opening

On August 3rd the Ontario Government announced its plan for opening schools in September.

- **In-person learning** will take place for Grade K-12 students.
 - Students will attend school 5 days a week, in person.
 - Students in secondary schools in the UGDSB will be divided into quadesters (approximately 10 weeks in duration).
 - Students will take two classes a day: one in the morning and one in the afternoon for the entirety of the quadester. They will have 5 hours of instruction per day.
 - The model may change later in the year as the COVID-19 situation evolves and depending on provincial direction.
 - Students in Grades 1-12 will be required to wear a mask indoors.
 - Physical Education, Music and other specialty classes will be offered.
 - Students will be able to gather at lunch and between classes.
 - School extra-curricular activities and field trips to be allowed.
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- Our program will be requiring that all parents/families determine whether students will take part in in-person learning *or* participate in remote learning and fill out the "Required Information Form" fillable form which can be found at this link: <https://ugdsbisp.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Required-Information-Form.pdf>
 - Please make sure students provide a current email address (and remind them to check it daily) and cell phone number on the Required Information Form, so we can contact them directly and send them information about our Virtual Orientation on Aug. 30.
 - Students **MUST** submit the "Required Information Form" above and this checklist <https://ugdsbisp.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Student-registration-checklist.pdf> with remaining required documents and signatures to international.student@ugdsb.on.ca by **August 20, 2021**. Please ensure fully vaccinated students also send proof of COVID vaccination.
 - Our ISP students may register for remote learning if they cannot travel to Canada due to border restrictions or health and safety concerns. **Please note** that the remote classes will be conducted during our regular Ontario

school hours, so this may be problematic for students in vastly different time zones. (If the students are willing to do this, we will let them register for remote learning). Also note, that if remote learning is the option, courses will need to reflect what is being offered for remote learners. Registration information for remote learning can be found below.

- Students must be here on time to start school. If they cannot be, they can register to do remote learning and then switch to in-class learning when the next session begins.
- As new information becomes available, it can be found on the district website at ugdsb.ca.

Student Options

If students are already in Canada, they can choose to attend school or do remote learning. Students need to be able to start school on September 7th, if they choose the in-class option. Please note, if students start online classes or in-person classes, **NO** refund will be granted. Please see refund policy here: <https://ugdsbisp.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/COVID-Sept-2020-refund.pdf>

Registration for secondary remote learning is open from **August 3-12, 2021**. Only students wanting to participate in remote learning for Semester One should fill out a registration form. Students who are attending school in-person **should not** fill out a registration form.

Please register before the deadline of **August 12, 2021, at 4pm**. To register, please click the following link and complete the Registration Form: <http://ow.ly/uaiW50FGvko>

Students enrolling in Secondary Remote Learning must complete their course selection by **August 13, 2021, at 4pm**. Returning students are asked to complete their course selection through their MyBlueprint account (found on the UGCloud landing page). If you are a new international student choosing the Secondary Remote Learning option, please contact our office for assistance at: international.student@ugdsb.on.ca.

- Please use this guide to help with course selection: [Secondary Remote Learning Course Selection Guide](#)
- This video will also aid you in course selection: [Secondary Remote Learning Course Selection Video](#)

Important Links for our UGDSB International Students

Student Guide - This link will open the UGDSB Student Guide:

<https://ugdsbisp.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/UGDSB-ISP-Student-Guide-2021-2022-1.pdf> . This guide will give students a bit of information about what to expect when they arrive.

School year calendar:

Secondary: <https://www.ugdsb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/2021-22-Secondary-website-posting-Ministry-Approved.pdf>

Elementary: <https://www.ugdsb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/2021-22-Elementary-website-posting-Ministry-Approved.pdf>

Medical Information – If medical insurance has been purchased through the UGDSB, you will find information on the student medical insurance plan in the Appendix of the UGDSB Student Guide (link is above) and updated Guard Me COVID-19 information can be found using this link: <https://www.guard.me/covid-19.php>. The Guard.Me website can be found at www.guard.me.

If student has life threatening allergies or a medical condition which requires a plan of care, please go to this link and fill out the appropriate form. This is the Plan of Care link: <https://www.ugdsb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Parent-Checklist-for-Plan-of-Care-Policy-518.pdf> If you are a returning student with a medical condition, you need to resubmit a form as well. You will find the form you need at the above link.

Thank you for reading all of this information. We wish you safe travels,

The UGDSB ISP Team