Town Hall
Entering Canada & Quarantine

IMPORTANT DISCLAIMER: The information in this presentation is accurate as of the date of the presentation. For the latest immigration updates, please consult the ISS website at https://www.mcgill.ca/internationalstudents/

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Agenda

1. Welcome – Katerina Knize, ISS

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3. Financial Support for 3-Day Mandatory Hotel Stay – Rhonda Turner, SSAO

4. Residences & Quarantine Plan in August – Amanda Rosenberg, SHHS

Question & Answer Period

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B. McGill Residence – Amanda Rosenberg, Student Housing & Hospitality Services (SHHS)
C. Immigration Issues – Katerina Knize, ISS
Entering Canada & Quarantine
Who can enter Canada at this time?

Entry into Canada is currently restricted to essential or non-discretionary travel. This means that only certain people are authorized to enter, including:

- **International Students**
- Temporary Foreign Workers; **and**
- Immediate family members of international students and foreign workers, such as a:
  - spouse or common-law partner
  - dependent child
  - parent or step-parent
  - guardian or tutor
What are the travel restriction requirements for International Students to enter Canada?

International students, regardless of which country they are entering Canada from and whether they are arriving by land or by air, will be considered to be entering Canada for a non-discretionary and non-optional purpose, if:

- Their **study permit has been approved** (regardless of the date of their letter of introduction), or they hold a valid study permit, or they are authorized to apply for a study permit upon entry to Canada (US citizens and US permanent residents only);
- They are **attending an educational institution** that is on the list of institutions with an approved COVID-19 readiness plan in place*;
- They **do not have any signs or symptoms** of COVID-19; **AND**
- They have **a plan to quarantine for 14 days** *(If Required)*

* McGill is on this list.
What documents are required for International Students to enter?

When entering Canada, make sure to travel with ALL of the following documents:

1. A valid study permit or Port of Entry Letter of Introduction (study permit approval letter);
2. A letter of acceptance and proof of enrolment, if you are returning student;
3. Proof of financial capacity documents;
4. Valid immigration medical examination results if you have resided in a designated country or territory for more than 6 months within the past year, or if you will be employed in a position that puts you in close contact with people;
5. Your CAQ (or CAQ approval letter);
6. A valid eTA or Temporary Resident Visa (TRV). *Only U.S. Citizens are exempt from both
7. Your passport; AND
8. All other supporting documents you included in your study permit application.
Quarantine and Testing Rules for NON-VACCINATED travellers to Canada

STEP 1 - Before departure:

- Plan your quarantine.
- Pre-book your government-authorized hotel for a 3-night stay upon arrival.
- Take a COVID-19 molecular test within 72 hours before your last scheduled flight or entering Canada by land.
- Register for your arrival test in advance to save time at the border.
- Use ArriveCAN to enter your information 72 hours before your arrival.
- Have your ArriveCAN receipt and test result ready.
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STEP 2 – Upon arrival:

• Provide required documents and information, including your quarantine plan to the border officer.
• Answer all eligibility and health screening questions.
• Complete a Day 1 COVID-19 molecular test (more than likely at the border).
• Collect a test kit for use on Day 8 of your quarantine.

NOTE: If you have any COVID-19 related symptoms, you will be directed to a designated quarantine facility.
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STEP 3 – Completing your quarantine:

• Go to your pre-booked hotel*.
• Create an account with the test provider for your Day 8 test.

➢ If your arrival test is negative, you may:
  • Check out of the hotel and go directly to your place of quarantine for the balance of the 14 days.
  • Complete and ship the Day 8 test kit according to the instructions.

➢ If your arrival test is positive, you must:
  • stay in your room.
  • A Public Health Agency of Canada official will call you with instructions. You'll be required to isolate for 14 days from when you took your test.

* No longer required as of 12:01am on August 9th, 2021
Who is considered FULLY VACCINATED?

To be considered fully vaccinated, travellers must have received the required dosage of a vaccine or combination of vaccines approved by the Government of Canada at least 14 days prior to entering Canada.

Travellers can receive their vaccines in any country. At this time, the list of vaccines accepted by the Government of Canada is limited to those made by:

- Pfizer;
- Moderna;
- AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD; and
- Janssen (Johnson & Johnson).
As of July 5th, 2021, FULLY VACCINATED travellers are exempt from some quarantine rules and do not have to:

1. Arrange for a 3-day stay at a government-approved hotel
2. Undergo a 14-day quarantine
3. Take a COVID-19 test on day-8 of their arrival to Canada

BUT MUST STILL:

- Take Covid-19 test 72 hours before entering Canada AND on arrival (Day 1)
- Be asymptomatic when entering Canada
- Have proof of vaccination documentation in English or French (or accompanied by a certified translation)
- Use ArriveCAN prior to arrival in Canada; AND
- Present a suitable quarantine plan, and be prepared to quarantine, if deemed required by a border officer
1) Fully vaccinated US citizens and permanent residents who are currently residing in the US:

• Will be able to enter Canada for discretionary (or non-essential) travel, such as leisure or tourism or accompanying student to help them settle in;

• Will no longer have to take a Day 1 COVID-19 test (upon arrival) unless randomly selected to do so at the Port of Entry (POE); and

• Will remain exempt from the federal requirement to undergo a 14-day quarantine.
UPDATE: Changes coming into effect 12:01am (ET) August 9th, 2021, continued

2) All fully vaccinated travellers (regardless of their country of citizenship or permanent residence):

- Must continue to be travelling for a non-discretionary or essential purpose*, with the exception of fully vaccinated US citizens and PRs (see point above)
- Will no longer have to take a Day 1 COVID-19 test (upon arrival) unless randomly selected to do so at the Port of Entry (POE);
- Will remain exempt from the federal requirement to undergo a 14-day quarantine.
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3) All travellers (regardless of vaccination status or country of citizenship):
   • Must continue to take a pre-arrival Covid-19 molecular test 72 hours prior to arrival;
   • Must continue to submit a quarantine plan through ArriveCAN prior to travel;
   • Will be exempt from the three-night government-authorized hotel stay;

NOTE: Travellers who have previously tested positive for Covid-19 will be allowed to present proof of a positive Covid-19 molecular test result taken within 14 to 90 days prior to arrival in Canada as part of pre-arrival test requirements (in lieu of a negative test result).

IMPORTANT: All travellers that are not fully vaccinated
   • Must continue to take a Covid-19 test on arrival (Day 1) and on Day 8; and
   • Must continue to quarantine for 14-days
GOOD TO KNOW!

• **International students can get vaccinated in Canada for FREE** – please see the [Vaccinations FAQs](#) on our Health Insurance webpage for more details.

• **NEW! International Health Insurance (IHI)** coverage will commence as of August 1st, 2021 for incoming Fall 2021 admits.

• We recommend that new international students arriving by air, plan to arrive in August and register for the [Acceuil PLUS](#) service, **opening August 1st** at Montreal International Airport (only). This will save you a considerable amount of time on arrival.

• Starting **August 3rd, 2021 at 10am**, ISS’s Wellness Advisor will be hosting a weekly Pandemic Drop-In Support Group for any student struggling with grief, anxiety, isolation, and/or distress related to COVID-19. **Registration is required.**
Resources:

• McGill has a dedicated website on COVID-19. We invite you to consult this website for up-to-date information on the impact of COVID-19 on McGill’s activities, such as course delivery and convocation.

• **IMPORTANT:** Fall 2021 will begin as scheduled and will proceed in-person – valid CAQ and Study Permit required.

• As this information is rapidly evolving, we invite you to consult our COVID-19 Updates website in order to have access to a list of official government resources and FAQs related to travel and applying for immigration documents.

• Join the Pandemic Drop-In Support group – details in newsletter sent on July 27th

• **Need more help:**
  Visit our website first. Fill out our advising request form!
  We can be reached by phone at +1 (514) 398 – 4349. See the phone hours on our website
Questions?