

FACE COVERING REQUIREMENTS FOR AIR TRAVELLERS

The Government of Canada is asking that **all travellers have a removable non-medical mask or face covering large enough to cover their mouth and nose during their travel through Canadian airports and in-flight.**

Travellers must confirm that they have in their possession the mandatory non-medical mask or face covering as part of the registration or check-in process otherwise they will **not** be allowed to continue on their journey.

At a minimum, travellers will be asked to wear the non-medical mask or face covering:

- ✓ **at airport screening checkpoints;**
- ✓ **during the flight** when they cannot physically distance from others, including at all times when they are 2 metres or less from another person, except another occupant of the person's private home; or
- ✓ **as directed** by an official of the air operator, the Canadian Air Transport Security Authority, a Canada Border Services Agency officer, or a Canadian public health official.

EXCEPTIONS

Face coverings must **not** be worn under the following circumstances:

- ✗ **children under two years old;**
- ✗ **passengers with breathing difficulties unrelated to COVID-19;**
- ✗ **at the boarding gate**, after handing documents to the air carrier representative, a passenger will be asked to step back to an appropriate distance and **lower their face covering for identity verification**. After the verification is complete, the passenger can then **re-cover their mouth and nose before** collecting their documents;
- ✗ **during the flight**, when the safety of the person could be endangered by wearing a face covering; or when the person is eating, drinking or taking oral medications; and
- ✗ **at the Customs-controlled area** of the airport. Travellers will need to **lower their face covering to have their photo taken at the Primary Inspection Kiosk** or when asked to do so by a Canada Border Services Agency officer or a Public Health Agency of Canada and/or provincial or territorial official.

Wearing a face covering over the mouth and nose is an important additional measure that all travellers can take to protect those around them. Air travellers are encouraged to **wear a non-medical mask or face covering whenever possible**, especially in situations where physical distancing guidelines cannot be maintained. Refusal to comply with the wearing of a non-medical mask or face covering could result in a fine of \$5,000.00. Travellers are also reminded to **practice good hygiene** by frequently washing their hands and sneezing into their sleeve or a tissue.

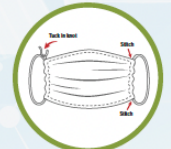
NON-MEDICAL MASKS OR FACE COVERINGS SHOULD:

- ✓ Be made of multiple layers of absorbent fabric (e.g., cotton);
- ✓ Cover the mouth and nose without gaps;
- ✓ Fit securely to the head with ties or ear loops;
- ✓ Allow for easy breathing;
- ✓ Be changed as soon as possible if damp or dirty; and
- ✓ Stay the same shape after machine washing and drying.

NON-MEDICAL MASKS OR FACE COVERINGS SHOULD NOT:

- ✗ Be placed on infants (e.g., children under the age of 2 years old);
- ✗ Be placed on anyone who has trouble breathing;
- ✗ Be placed on anyone who is unconscious;
- ✗ Be placed on someone who is incapacitated or unable to remove it without assistance;
- ✗ Be made exclusively of plastic sheeting or materials that easily fall apart (e.g., tissues);
- ✗ Be shared with others; and
- ✗ Impair vision or interfere with tasks.

EXAMPLES OF REMOVABLE NON-MEDICAL MASKS AND FACE COVERINGS MADE OF CLOTH:



SEWN MASK



NO-SEW MASK USING A T-SHIRT



NO-SEW MASK USING A FOLDED SCARF/BANDANA AND RUBBER BANDS/HAIR TIES

For more information on making face coverings consult: www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/prevention-risks/instructions-sew-no-sew-cloth-face-covering.html



COVID-19 Travel Policy

Travelling in Saskatchewan looks very different because of COVID-19. We know that rules and requirements can change very quickly, so please take the time to review our policies to ensure that you know what is expected of you for masking, boarding, and contact tracing.

COVID-19 Vaccination Requirements

These are boarding requirements for your flight. Please note that different requirements may apply if you are travelling by air to destinations south, or outside the province of Saskatchewan, from Saskatoon. Know the requirements of each air carrier and your final destination to ensure you don't get left behind!

Effective October 30, 2021, every passenger aged 12, plus 4 months, and older will require **one** of the following when departing from airports in Prince Albert and Saskatoon:

- Proof of full vaccination with matching photo ID.
- Proof of an approved negative COVID-19 molecular test taken within 72 hours before the flight with matching photo ID.
- Proof of a positive COVID-19 molecular test, taken between 14-180 days before the scheduled flight departure with matching photo ID.

If you do not have one of the above, you will be provided with a self-administered rapid COVID-19 molecular test that takes about 30 minutes to administer and receive the results. A green light means you can proceed to fly; a red light means you have a positive result for COVID-19, and you will not be permitted to board the aircraft.

[If you are denied boarding because of a positive self-administered test result, you will receive a credit for your flight for 30 days.](#)

Interim Accommodations for Remote Communities

We know that living in a remote community is challenging and that air travel is often your only link to essential services in support of your medical, health, or social well-being. In recognition of the unique needs of travelers from remote communities, the vaccination mandate imposed by Transport Canada includes specific accommodations, to ensure you will be able to travel to obtain essential services in support of your health and then return safely home. It is also important that the objectives of this vaccination policy are achieved.

It is strongly recommended that you be vaccinated in order to dramatically reduce the risks of COVID-19. However, in recognition of the unique needs of travelers from remote communities the following accommodations will be put in place:

- Anyone quarantining under Public Health Authority requirements to travel will be exempted from the vaccination and testing requirements.
- Inmates being moved from a federal and/or provincial/territorial correctional facility to another facility in Canada; inmates in custody of a police force being transferred from one jurisdiction to another; or persons subject to an extradition or deportation order leaving Canada for an international destination are exempted from the vaccination and testing requirements in accordance with the provisions of Aviation Security Exemption No. C20201-125.
- If you are flying out of a remote community, you will not be subject to the vaccination and testing requirements, until testing capacity can be developed locally.
- To facilitate onward travel and return travel, testing capacity will be enhanced at “gateway” and southern airports. Prince Albert and Saskatoon are known as “gateway” airports.

Quarantine in lieu of Vaccination or a Test

- Some Territories (e.g., Nunavut) require a 14-day quarantine prior to travel to the Territory.
- Those travelers who are subject to these restrictions will be exempted from the requirement to provide proof of vaccination or a valid COVID-19 molecular test.

Departing Remote Communities

- Until local testing capacity can be assured, if you are departing from an airport serving a remote community, you will not be required to provide proof of vaccination or a valid COVID-19 molecular test.
- This accommodation will not apply to flights from a “gateway” airport (i.e., Prince Albert and Saskatoon) to another destination.

Return Travel to Remote Communities from Gateway Airports

- If you are aged 12, plus 4 months, or older, and you are traveling on flights that originate from a “gateway” airport or **if you are on a flight to a remote airport, you will need to provide proof of vaccination or a valid COVID-19 molecular test.**
- If you are unvaccinated you are encouraged, where capacity is available, to access local molecular COVID testing.
- However, to ensure all travelers coming from, or transiting to, remote communities have access to molecular testing the Government of Canada will provide Canadian Air Operators that transport travelers to and from Gateway communities, with self-administered rapid COVID-19 molecular test kits at no charge.
- In Prince Albert and Saskatoon, Rise Air will provide self-administered rapid COVID-19 molecular tests at no charge to you if you are not vaccinated or do not have a valid molecular test result prior to checking in for any flight to remote communities. **If you must complete a COVID-19 molecular test upon arrival at the airport, please plan to arrive a minimum of two hours before your flight.**
- A negative test result will allow you to continue your travel without need for another test result for 72 hours (e.g., the test result could allow you to board multiple flights).

Limited Exemptions

Very limited exemptions to vaccination will be allowed for travel within and out of Canada. Rise Air *may* provide temporary exemptions for the following:

1. Medical inability to be vaccinated (e.g., confirmed allergy).
2. Essential medical services and treatment (e.g., booked medical appointment).
3. Sincere religious belief.

A high level summary of information on exemptions for passengers can be located on this webpage: <https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid/travel-restrictions/domestic-travel> (administered by Health Canada and Treasury Board Secretariat).

Exemption Form Completion

Passengers will be responsible to submit to Rise Air a completed exemption form. A request for temporary exemption must be submitted in advance as follows:

1. Medical inability - up to three (3) weeks in advance.
2. Essential medical services and treatment - up to two (2) weeks in advance.
3. Sincere religious belief - at least three (3) weeks in advance.

Exemption Form Travel Requirements

Passengers are required to carry the completed exemption form and proof of the operator's acceptance/approval with them during their travel journey. Temporary exemptions due to Medical Inability, Essential Medical Services or Treatment, or Sincere Religious Belief is operator specific. In other words, a temporary exemption by one airline does not automatically allow the passenger to connect with a different airline, or to transfer modes (e.g., from train to plane or from one airline to the next).

Passengers with temporary exemptions due to Medical Inability, Essential Medical Services or Treatment, or Sincere Religious Belief will also need to have a valid COVID-19 molecular test, taken no more than 72 hours before boarding.

Please note that completed temporary exemption forms for passengers due to essential medical services and treatment and sincere religious beliefs are valid for the period of the return trip only. Forms for medical inability are valid for up to one year, depending on the passenger's medical condition.

False claims are an offence under the *Criminal Code* and false declaration could be subject to Transport Canada fines.

Exemption Forms

[Medical Inability to be Vaccinated Exemption Form](#)

[Essential Medical Services or Treatment Exemption Form](#)

[Religious Exemption Form](#)