

!! Beginning **Apr. 8, 2022** at 12:01am, the **BC Vaccine Card will no longer be required** to access non-essential services – [BC takes next step in balanced plan to lift COVID-19 restrictions \(Mar. 10, 2022\)](#)

BC Vaccine Card and Canadian Proof of Vaccination



1. BC Vaccine Card

- **Required** for entry to places such as restaurants, pubs, gyms, student housing, and large indoor events. You must show your Vaccine Card *and* a piece of valid government photo ID to enter these places.
- **Not required** for grocery stores, fast food outlets and cafeterias, hotels, banks, health care services, and others.
- To get your BC Vaccine Card, go to [Get the BC Vaccine Card](#) and use your Personal Health Number (PHN) to download your document. Save a **digital copy** to your phone *and/or* print a **paper copy**.

See [Proof of vaccination and the BC Vaccine Card for current information](#).



2. Canadian COVID-19 Proof of Vaccination

- The Canadian Proof of Vaccination will be used to **board a plane or train in Canada**.
- If you travel internationally, be sure to research whether or not your destination will accept this document as proof of vaccination. Every country makes their own decision about what they will accept.
- Get your document in the same way that you get your BC Vaccine Card. Go to [How to get the federal COVID-19 proof of vaccination](#) and use your Personal Health Number (PHN) to download your document. Save a **digital copy** to your phone *and/or* print a **paper copy**.

See [About the Canadian COVID-19 proof of vaccination](#) for current information.

"I don't have a Personal Health Number. How do I get my Vaccine Card?"

"Which vaccines are accepted in BC?"

"Can I get vaccinated in BC?"

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Frequently Asked Questions

I don't have a Personal Health Number. How can I get my BC Vaccine Card and Canadian COVID-19 Proof of Vaccination?

- **1.** First, you will need to add your vaccination records to the Provincial Immunization Registry.
 - **After you arrive in BC**, call 1-833-838-2323 to request a temporary Personal Health Number (PHN) and ask to register in the vaccination system. (*Important: This **temporary PHN is not medical insurance**. You still need to apply for the BC Medical Services Plan [MSP] as soon as possible).
 - Then, [submit your vaccination record](#) to the portal.
- **2.** There will be a processing time of 10-14 days. Then, you can visit [Get the BC Vaccine Card](#) to download your documents. You can access your BC Vaccine Card and your Canadian Proof of Vaccination at the same time. Save **digital copies** to your phone *and/or* print **paper copies**.

I just arrived. What documents can I use in BC while I wait for my BC Vaccine Card?

- Until you get your BC Vaccine Card, you can use your **passport and the proof of vaccination that you used to enter Canada**. See [People who don't have B.C. ID](#).

I just arrived. What documents can I use to travel while I wait for my Canadian COVID-19 Proof of Vaccination?

- If you are vaccinated with one of the [accepted vaccines for travel](#): Until you get your Canadian Proof of Vaccination, you can use **the proof of vaccination that you used to enter Canada**. It must be in English or French (or a certified translation) and **include certain information**. See [Find out if you're ready to board](#) and scroll to "Providing proof of vaccination."
- If you are unvaccinated or if you are vaccinated but **not** with one of the [accepted vaccines for travel](#): Under current regulations, you will not be able to travel on planes and trains. See [Students Arriving in B.C.: Do I need another vaccine in B.C.?](#) to find out if it is recommended that you get vaccinated in BC.

Which vaccines do I need to be considered fully vaccinated?

- BC Vaccine Card: BC follows the World Health Organization's (WHO) list of approved vaccines. This list may be different from the list of vaccines approved by the Government of Canada for travel purposes. For the list of accepted vaccines, see [Students Arriving in BC: What You Need to Know about Vaccination – Vaccines Accepted in BC](#).
- To board a flight or train: For the list of vaccines approved by the Government of Canada for travel purposes, see [Find out if you're ready to board](#).

What documents do I need to travel by ferry in Canada?

- You **do not need to be vaccinated** to travel on **BC Ferries**. See [BC Government: Travel and COVID-19](#).

What documents do I need to travel by plane or train in Canada?

- Use your **Canadian COVID-19 Proof of Vaccination** to travel. You need to be **fully vaccinated to board any airplane departing from a Canadian airport**. You also need to be fully vaccinated to board a train or cruise ship. [See COVID-19 Boarding flights, trains and cruise ships in Canada](#).
- If you don't qualify as fully vaccinated and don't permanently reside in Canada: You will be allowed to leave Canada up until August 31, 2022. You will have to show a valid COVID-19 test to board the plane. After this time, you *must* be fully vaccinated to board a plane or train to depart Canada. See [Find out if you're ready to board](#) and look for "Foreign nationals departing Canada."
- You **do not need to be vaccinated** to travel on **BC Ferries**. See [BC Government: Travel and COVID-19](#).

Do I need a COVID-19 test to travel? Where can I get one?

- [COVID-19 Boarding flights and trains in Canada](#) says: "[I]f you qualify as fully vaccinated, a COVID-19 test is not needed to board a flight or train in Canada unless you're flying to a country that requires it."
 - o For **international travel**: You must find out if your destination country will require you to present a valid COVID-19 test result when you enter. If you need a test, see BC Centre for Disease Control [Where to get a COVID-19 test in BC](#) for a list of private pay clinics. Please note that you will be charged a fee for this test.
 - o For **domestic travel**: You must be fully vaccinated to travel domestically, but you do not require a negative COVID-19 test.
 - o To **return to Canada**: You will need either a current negative COVID-19 test result or a previous positive result to re-enter Canada. See [Pre-entry testing \(accepted types, timing\)](#) for details about accepted test types and timing.

What if I am an unvaccinated student flying into Canada to start my studies?

- **International students 18 years and older are only allowed to enter Canada if they are fully vaccinated. Unvaccinated minor students (under 18 years old) are still permitted to enter.** For more information, see [Adjustments to Canada's border and travel measures](#), and scroll to "Entry Requirements: Adjustments for certain travellers entering Canada." If you have any questions about immigration, call +1 250 721 6361 or email icsinfo@uvic.ca to get in touch with a UVic International Student Adviser.
- If you are an unvaccinated minor student (under 18 years old) entering Canada to study. . .
 - o You **can** travel from Vancouver to Victoria **on BC Ferries**. See [BC Government: Travel and COVID-19](#).
 - o You **can** take a connecting flight to Victoria if it **is scheduled to depart within 24 hours of the departure time for your flight to Canada**. See [Find out if you're ready to board](#) and scroll to "Connecting flights and rail after entering Canada."

How can I get vaccinated? Do I need another dose in BC?

- If you are **unvaccinated**: See [How to get vaccinated for COVID-19](#).
- If you were **vaccinated outside BC**: See [Do I need another vaccine in BC?](#) If it is recommended that you get another dose, follow the instructions to submit your current vaccination record and register in BC's immunization registry.