

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

This document is *not the same* as the BC Vaccine Card. It was announced on October 21, 2021. Details are still being released. Be prepared for updates and changes. See [About the Canadian COVID-19 proof of vaccination](#).

- The Canadian Proof of Vaccination will be used to **board a plane, train, or cruise ship 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 [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**.

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.
 - Call 1-833-838-2323 (from inside Canada) or 1-604-681-4261 (from outside Canada). 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).
 - [Submit your vaccination record](#).
- **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 vaccinated but **not** with one of the [accepted vaccines \(for travel\)](#): We are *still waiting for information* about how you can travel. We expect more information to be released throughout November.

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 is different from the list of Health Canada approved vaccines. See [Students Arriving in BC: What You Need to Know about Vaccination – Vaccines Accepted in BC](#) for the list of accepted vaccines.
- To board a flight, train, or ship: Only the **Health Canada approved vaccines** are accepted. See [Find out if you're ready to board](#).

What documents do I need to travel by ferry?

- You **do not need to be vaccinated** to travel on **BC Ferries**. See [BC Ferries Travel Advisories](#).

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

- 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 arrived in Canada before October 30, 2021: You may use a negative COVID-19 test to board a flight to return to your home country before February 28, 2022. After this grace period, you *must* be fully vaccinated to board a plane, even if you are returning home. See [Testing alternative to the vaccination requirement](#) and scroll to "Foreign nationals departing Canada."
- You **do not need to be vaccinated** to travel on **BC Ferries**. See [BC Ferries Travel Advisories](#).

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

- You **can board the airplane in your home country** and enter Canada as an unvaccinated student with a study permit. Remember that you must register your arrival with the [UVic Self-Isolation Program](#).
- You **can** travel from Vancouver to Victoria **on BC Ferries**. See [BC Ferries Travel Advisories](#).
- We are **waiting to find out** if you can continue your trip from Vancouver to Victoria **by airplane**.

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.