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## News Release

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# Additional requirements, restrictions for travelers to Canada

The Government of Canada has expanded its existing requirements and restrictions for travelers coming into the country as it intensifies preventive efforts against the spread of COVID-19 and its new variants.

Starting February 3, 2021, travelers entering Canada, including OFWs, who are arriving via international flights are required to undergo a mandatory COVID-19 PCR test in the airport, in addition to the required negative COVID-19 test result they presented prior to their boarding.

Airports open for Incoming international flights and commercial passengers will be limited to Montréal-Trudeau International Airport, Toronto Pearson International Airport, Calgary International Airport, and Vancouver International Airport.

The new restrictions include scheduled commercial passenger flights arriving from the United States, Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean and South America, which were exempted from the previous restriction.

Further, while waiting for the results of the PCR test, travelers are required to stay in a designated hotel for up to three days which may cost more than \$2,000.

Travelers with negative COVID-19 PCR test result can leave the hotel and complete their mandatory 14-day quarantine period at home, while travelers who tested positive will be moved to a government facility.

Violating the said protocol is an offense under the Canada's Quarantine Act and violators could lead up to six months in prison or could be fined with \$750,000. ###