

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILIES CIRCULAR

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On June 8, 2021, the province announced that fully immunized people are no longer required to self-isolate when returning to Manitoba following travel within Canada, provided they are asymptomatic. Children under age 12 (who are not currently eligible to be vaccinated) are also exempt, provided they are asymptomatic and all individuals aged 12 and older that they travelled to Manitoba with are fully vaccinated.

The Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) Program has received questions from child care providers asking for further details about how these exemptions work in practice. This circular aims to provide clarification for the sector.

How is “fully vaccinated” defined for the purpose of travelling?

Individuals who have completed a full series of COVID-19 vaccine and two weeks have passed since their last dose are considered fully vaccinated. A full series of vaccine consists of:

- two doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna or AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD vaccine for COVID-19 within a 16-week period and at least 14 days have passed since they received their last vaccine dose; or
- two doses of any combination of the above vaccines within a 16-week period and at least 14 days have passed since they received their last vaccine dose; or
- one dose of the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine and at least 14 days have passed since they were vaccinated

Does this mean a child can return to child care immediately after travel within Canada?

Yes, they can return to child care immediately after travel in Canada, provided:

1. everyone aged 12 and older that they travelled to Manitoba with is fully immunized, AND
2. the child has no COVID-19 symptoms

Where can I find more information on Manitoba's current travel restrictions and related self-isolation restrictions and exemptions?

More information is available at: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/prs/orders/index.html>.

What about international travel?

International travelers MUST follow federal self-isolation (quarantine) requirements. For information on the current federal requirements, see: <https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid/travel-restrictions/isolation>.

The ELCC Program continues to monitor and update resources related to COVID-19 and child care in Manitoba. For operational updates and directives, visit: Manitoba Families COVID-19 Notices and Circulars: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/covid-circulars.html>. For the latest provincial public health information on COVID-19, visit: www.manitoba.ca/covid19

If you have any questions, please email cdcinfo@gov.mb.ca or call 204-945-0776 or 1-888-213-4754.