CURRENT SITUATION IN CANADA – MAY 2021

In order to come into Canada right now, all students need to have a valid study permit to study at a Designated Learning Institution (DLI). CES Toronto is a Designated Learning Institution (#019517085782) with an approved COVID Readiness Plan. Students are now allowed to apply for a Study Permit for study plans shorter than 6 months or 24 weeks.

Currently there is a mandatory quarantine in Canada. Students must stay in a government approved hotel for the first three days. After this initial period, students must transfer to our approved residence and stay for 11 days. The total quarantine period in Canada is 14 days.

The SIMPLE version is:

The process in three stages:

1. Arrival: COVID test is done at the airport

2. Quarantine:
    a. 3 days at a government approved hotel waiting for the result of the test (unless under 18 years old travelling alone => they go directly to Tartu).

    b. If the result is negative, move to Tartu for 11 days (quarantine plan approved by the government).

    c. Students take online classes (20 LPW) during the quarantine period.

3. Join in-person classes after the negative result for the 2nd COVID test is received. (This test is done on Day 8 after arrival. It takes about 1-3 days to receive the result.)

The temporary amendment to the study permit is still in place. This modification to the study permit regulation allows students enrolled on a course of less than six months to come and complete their program without waiting for the borders to fully open.

<mark>The more DETAILED version is as follows below:</mark>

The steps to enter Canada are as follows:

1. At time of boarding plane to Canada, provide a negative COVID test that was done within 72 hours of travel. A list of approved types of tests can be found here https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid/travel-restrictions/flying-canada-checklist/covid-19-testing-travellers-coming-into-canada?utm_campaign=gac-amc-covid-20-21&utm_source=travel-covid_travel-restrictions_flying_&utm_medium=redirect&utm_content=en#getting-tested
2. Pre-book a 3 day hotel package at a government approved hotel. A list of approved hotels can be found here: https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/latest-travel-health-advice/mandatory-hotel-stay-air-travellers/list-government-authorized-hotels-booking.html
3. Upon arrival at the Toronto airport they will need to provide their completed Quarantine Plan (form attached) and they will take another COVID test at the airport. They will then be shuttled to their pre-booked hotel where they will wait for their results.
4. Once they receive negative results from that test, they will move into our Mandatory Quarantine Location-which is Tartu (please see attached document for details). This package is for 11 days. The total stay with the hotel and our residence plan is 14 days.
5. If they get a negative result, they are free to leave quarantine and move into homestay or whatever accommodation they have planned
6. If they get a positive result, they need to stay in Tartu for an additional 10 days to self-isolate. After those 10 days, they can leave Tartu and be free. They don't test again after those 10 self-isolation days.

The only students that are exempt from the 3 day mandatory airport hotel (but still have to do our 14 day quarantine package) are unaccompanied minors. The definition for this is:

A new Order in Council (OIC) was published on March 19, 2021, which specifies that **only those less than 18 years of age (regardless of province of point of entry or final destination) and not accompanied by someone 18 years of age or older, are exempt from the requirement to complete a 3-night, government-authorized hotel stay upon arrival in Canada**.

If you have any questions on any of the above please contact Vesna @ vkuran-barac@ces-schools.com.