



July 7, 2021

Faces of Advocacy Clarifying Statement on Quarantine Exemptions for Fully Immunized Foreign National Immediate and Extended Family of Canadians

To the CBSA Officer or Supervisor:

Thank you for working today. My name is Dr. David Edward-Ooi Poon, founder of Faces of Advocacy, a Canadian organization of over 11, 500 dedicated to the safe reunification of binational families during the COVID-19 related travel restrictions. We were directly responsible for the Extended Family and Compassionate Exemptions announced by the Government of Canada in October 2020. Due to our work, **Family Reunification is considered an approved reason to travel.**

In order to help many of our members, I completed this letter with facts verified from **direct written and verbal communication** with the Constituency Co-Manager for the Deputy Prime Minister, the Director of Operations of the Minister's Office at Health Canada, the Director of Policy to the Minister of Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship, and the Regional Advisor to the Minister of Public Safety. In regards to hotel and home quarantine exemptions, this is verbatim from my correspondence on July 5, 2021:

“The loosening of restrictions only applies to Canadians, PR holders, Indigenous Canadians, and those who meet the very few exemptions currently in place (ie. immediate family members, family who **meet the definition of extended family who have authorization from IRCC**, or those seeking entry for compassionate reasons who have authorization from Health Canada). For those who are permitted entry at this time, **if they have received both doses of a COVID vaccine currently recognized by Canada, then they are no longer required to quarantine or stay at a designated quarantine hotel facility**, provided that they meet all of the entry criteria and meet the pre-entry requirements.”

I have advised all our members to fill out the Canada.ca online Travel Eligibility Wizard, which shows that they, as foreign national Immediate and Extended Family, are eligible for the quarantine exemptions:

<https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid/travel-restrictions/wizard-start>

Which in combination with the Canada.ca Backgrounder: Phase 1 “Fully vaccinated travellers currently eligible to enter Canada will not be required to quarantine or complete a day-8 test.” I have confirmed with the Deputy Prime Minister’s Office, the Ministry of Health, and the IRCC that this specifically means travellers do not have to quarantine until their arrival test result, and as well, can board a connecting flight.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/06/backgrounder-phase-1-of-easing-border-measures-for-travellers-entering-canada.html>

I have also referred them to the CBSA website where, under Client Service Improvement, “If you have questions, would like clarification, or have feedback about the service you received, please ask to speak with the supervisor on duty before leaving our service area.”

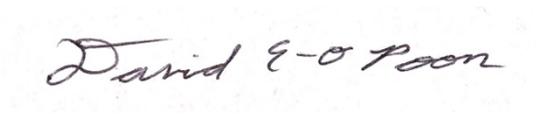
<https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/travel-voyage/ssi-sis-eng.html>

Lastly, if our member is found to be inadmissible to Canada, I ask that you please document this clarification letter specifically in your Global Case Management System (GCMS) notes so we can confirm it was read when the Canadian family submits a subsequent Access to Information and Privacy (ATIP) request.

<https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/trnsprnc/ccss-nfrmtn-prvc/index-en.aspx>

Thank you very much for your time and your service, and helping Canadians safely reunite with their loved ones. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there are any concerns.

Sincerely,



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