

Town of Middlebury
Emergency Management Bulletin
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Have Vaccination, Will Travel

Effective February 23, you may travel out of state without quarantine on return IF you are 2 weeks past your second COVID shot. This also holds for those from away coming into Vermont. One shot, no shots, you still must quarantine – 14 days or 7 days + a negative test after 7 days. This is the first step, folks, and moving forward depends on the status of COVID in Vermont. So let's not botch this up.

Upcoming Vaccinations

Registrations and administration for 70+ are well underway. If you are in the next band, 65+ get a head start and get your VDH account number so you can be prepared to register and schedule your vaccine when that band opens up in a few weeks. The Governor hopes that we will get ALL in the state vaccinated by end of summer at the latest. That could be moved up depending on supply.

Canada Expands Restrictions To International Travel By Land And Air

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Canada has some of the strictest travel and border measures in the world, including a mandatory 14-day quarantine for everyone returning to the country. With new COVID-19 variant detections increasing in the country, the Government of Canada is announcing today further testing and quarantine requirements for international travelers arriving at Canada's air and land ports of entry. These new measures will help prevent variants of concern from reaccelerating the pandemic and making it more difficult to contain.

For travelers arriving to Canada by land, as of February 15, 2021, all travelers, with some exceptions, will be required to provide proof of a negative COVID-19 molecular test result taken in the United States within 72 hours of pre-arrival, or a positive test taken 14 to 90 days prior to arrival. In addition, **as of February 22, 2021**, travelers entering Canada at the land border will be required to take a COVID-19 molecular test on arrival as well as toward the end of their 14-day quarantine.

All travelers arriving to Canada by air, as of February 22, 2021, with some exceptions, will be required to take a COVID-19 molecular test when they arrive in Canada before exiting the airport, and another toward the end of their 14-day quarantine period. With limited exceptions, air travelers will also be required to reserve, prior to departure to Canada, a 3-night stay in a government-authorized hotel. Travelers will be able to book their government-authorized stay **starting February 18, 2021**.

These new measures are in addition to existing mandatory pre-boarding and health requirements for air travelers.

Finally, **at the same time on February 22, 2021, all travelers**, whether arriving by land or air will be required to submit their travel and contact information, including a suitable quarantine plan, electronically via **ArriveCAN** before crossing the border or boarding a flight.

The Government of Canada continues to strongly advise Canadians to cancel or postpone any non-essential travel, including vacation plans, outside Canada. Foreign nationals should likewise postpone or cancel travel plans to Canada. Now is not the time to travel. This is from Canada and is not related to the travel changes Governor Scott has provided.

Vaccine Post-Pandemic

Discussions are underway on vaccinations post-pandemic. Early indications are that there should be an annual vaccine, similar to the flu vaccine. However, there won't be any 'heavy lifting' component by the federal government or VDH. Considerations are to have vaccines administered through your local health care provider or through private clinics such as pharmacies as is done with the flu vaccine.