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To Whom it May Concern:

**Re: COVID-19 testing prior to travel is not available to travelers from British Columbia, Canada**

We recognize that some countries require COVID-19 testing or proof of negative test results prior to entry. This letter is to inform you that at this time, COVID-19 testing for travel-related purposes is not available in British Columbia (BC), Canada.

In response to the pandemic, BC has successfully implemented a range of measures and methods to slow and prevent the spread of COVID-19. As a result, BC is among the jurisdictions globally that have low rates of COVID-19 transmission, with **very low levels** of COVID-19 infection in the general population. BC's [COVID-19 testing guidelines](#) are focused on targeted case-finding among individuals with compatible symptoms of COVID-19 infection, or who are potentially exposed to the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

Accordingly, routine screening of people without symptoms for COVID-19 infection for any reason, **including for travel**, is **not** performed in BC. There are also no widely available options for travelers to pay privately for COVID-19 testing in British Columbia.

Sincerely,

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