

November omni
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Some questions have already been released.

Q4.
Base=All
Single choice

Thinking about travel now.

In a regular year – that is – when COVID-19 travel restrictions and rules were not in effect – how often would you travel to the United States, whether by air, on the road, or by sea?

No travel to the US in a regular year
1-2 times
3 or 4 times
5+ times

Among those who would travel at least once in a “regular year”

Q5.
Base=All
Single choice

Thinking about the next six months ahead – do you have any plans to travel to US?

Yes
No
Not sure

Q6.
Base=Yes in Q5
Single choice

Currently, anyone entering Canada – including fully vaccinated Canadians returning from the US – must show proof of a negative “molecular test” like the PCR test, for COVID-19. These tests can cost up to \$300 per person – and can take 24 hours or longer for travelers to receive their results.

How much is this test requirement a factor in deciding whether you are planning a trip in the next six months?

Not a factor at all
A minor factor
A major factor

Q7.
Base=All

Single choice

Some are calling on the Canadian government to switch to a more affordable 'antigen' test, which is a fraction of the cost of the molecular test (closer to \$20/test) and can provide results within as little as 15 minutes.

Those who support the more expensive, slower test say it is the most reliable, even if it costs more. Others say the rapid tests are a more practical alternative and still effective at preventing people from unknowingly spreading COVID-19.

Canada's Chief public health officer, Dr. Teresa Tam, says the requirement for a PCR test is something the Canadian government is looking at "quite carefully" as it considers next steps.

Suppose you were advising public health officials – which option would you recommend:

Make no change and continue requiring molecular testing

Switch to rapid antigen tests

Drop all testing for fully vaccinated travellers

Drop all testing for all travellers – vaccinated or not