



# ONSITE COVID-19 TESTING FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS

2022 ASHRAE Annual Conference, Sheraton Centre Toronto

## **Current Travel Requirements for Travelers Entering the United States**

Currently, the US requires a COVID-19 viral test (regardless of vaccination status or citizenship) no more than **1 day before** you travel by air into the United States. You must show your negative results to the airline before you board your flight. *(For example, if your flight is on Wednesday, June 29 you must take a rapid antigen test at any time Tuesday, June 28 or up until your flight departs.)*

If you recently recovered from COVID-19, you may instead travel with documentation of recovery from COVID-19 (i.e., your positive COVID-19 viral test result on a sample taken no more than 90 days before the flight's departure from a foreign country and a letter from a licensed healthcare provider or a public health official stating that you were cleared to travel).

Source: [Amended Order: Requirement for Proof of Negative COVID-19 Test Result or Recovery from COVID-19 for All Airline Passengers Arriving into the United States.](#)

## **Types of Acceptable Tests**

You must be tested with a viral test to look for current infection – these include an **antigen test** or a **nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT)**.

Phrases indicating a test is an antigen test could include, but not are not limited to:

- Rapid antigen test
- Viral antigen test
- Also, could be noted as Antigen Chromatographic Digital Immunoassay, Antigen Chemiluminescence Immunoassay, or Antigen Lateral Flow Fluorescence

Examples of available NAATs for SARS-CoV-2 include but are not restricted to:

- Reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR)
- Isothermal amplification including:
  - Nicking endonuclease amplification reaction (NEAR)
  - Transcription mediated amplification (TMA)
  - Loop-mediated isothermal amplification (LAMP)
  - Helicase-dependent amplification (HDA)
  - Clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats (CRISPR)
  - Strand displacement amplification (SDA)
  - The test used must be authorized for use by the relevant national authority for the detection of SARS-CoV-2 in the country where the test is administered.

Source: [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Requirement for Proof of Negative COVID-19 Test or Documentation of Recovery from COVID-19.](#)



## Onsite Testing Provider

ASHRAE is pleased to provide complimentary, onsite COVID-19 testing for registered attendees of the 2022 ASHRAE Annual Conference. Testing will be provided by HCP Diagnostics -- a local testing company that specializes in large groups, meetings and events. HCP provides Rapid Antigen tests and Nucleic Acid Amplification Tests (NAATs) (aka PCR), both FDA, Emergency Use Authorized.

### How will it work?

- ASHRAE will send attendees a link to a consent form in advance of the conference.
- HCP will be set up in a large meeting room at the Sheraton, Monday, June 27 – Wednesday, June 29. Testing times will be announced closer to the conference.
- HCP Admin(s) will be at check-in table to conference badge, verify completion of consent form, ID check, etc.
- Attendee goes to nurse station and tells the nurse which test he/she needs (rapid or PCR)
- Each nurse can administer 12-17 rapid tests per hour.
- Attendee's will be emailed test results based on the email used for the consent form.
  - 2-3 hours for antigen tests
  - Same day results or PCR tests if taken before 1 p.m. For PCR tests taken after 1 p.m., results by 1 p.m. the following day.
- Appointments will be first come, first serve during the testing hours each day.
- ASHRAE will cover the costs for all registered, international attendees to take the test needed for return travel to their country of origin. **It is the responsibility of the attendee to know their country of origin's testing requirements (rapid antigen vs. PCR).** International travelers re-entering the US may take a rapid antigen test.

If an attendee needs to take a test before Monday, June 27 or is not able to utilize the onsite testing services available, the following testing location sites are located nearby the Sheraton Centre Toronto:

The Travel Clinic  
140 Yonge Street  
Suite 200  
(7 min walk from hotel)  
[Book Appointment](#)

Several [Shoppers Drug Mart Pharmacies](#) locations near the hotel offer COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Tests and PCR Tests for Traveling. The closest locations are:

- 220 Yonge Street (Eaton Center) – 0.4 km away
- 333 Bay Street (Bay Adelaide Centre) – 0.4 km away
- 66 Wellington St. We. (Toronto Dominion Centre) – 0.5 km away
- 279 Yonge Street (Dundas Square ) – 0.6 km away
- 260 Queen Street West (Queen & Beverley) – 0.6 km away

HCP Diagnostics also has a facility at the airport that can be used for testing if needed. A booking link will be made available closer to the conference.