



ROBERT LAND ACADEMY
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Robert Land Academy – COVID-19 Readiness International Student Information Package

1. COVID-19 poses a serious health risk, while threatening the business continuity of schools across Canada. In response all K-12 private schools in Ontario intending to accept students from outside Canada must have plans in place that include specific details about how they will meet the provincial and federal criteria to demonstrate their readiness in response to the challenges associated with the pandemic.
2. As an all-boys boarding school, Robert Land Academy (RLA) is uniquely situated on 168 acres in rural Ontario with controlled student interactions with the surrounding local population. With on-site amenities such as lodging, mess hall, fitness facilities, and basic health services, the Academy offers a self-contained academic setting for both domestic and international students.
3. The purpose of this information package is to provide arriving RLA international students with the information they require to adequately prepare for and safely travel within a COVID-19 environment. These steps will help ensure the health and wellness of all staff and students while meeting governmental requirements.

Prior to Traveling

Flight Details

4. As soon as possible contact the Academy Operations Coordinator Lisa Lake at llake@rla.ca in order to coordinate flight details. All flights must arrive at the Hamilton International Airport (YHM) or the Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) on January 3rd 2021 or January 18th 2021.

Attestation

5. Attached is the Pre-Arrival Attestation. Part of this attestation is the understanding and acknowledgement of a 14-day quarantine period following your arrival in Canada. Please visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/latest-travel-health-advice.html> for additional details.

You must return the signed attestation to the Academy Admissions Assistant Diana Crescenzi at dcrescenzi@rla.ca prior to your son's arrival in Canada.

ArriveCAN

6. All travellers are required to provide contact and quarantine information upon and after entry into Canada. This is part of Canada's efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and prevent importation. This information is crucial to Canada's response to COVID-19. Paper forms can be incomplete or inaccurate, and can take days to process. To help provinces and territories protect their citizens, the Government of Canada is moving to a safer and faster paperless process.

Requirements for entry and after entry to Canada

As of November 21, 2020, if you're flying to Canada as your final destination, you must use ArriveCAN to submit your:

- travel and contact information;
- quarantine plan; and
- COVID-19 symptom self-assessments.

You must use ArriveCAN before you board your flight to Canada. Visit the link below in order to create an account and submit your travel plans.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/arrivecan.html>

Following your son's arrival at the Academy, daily reporting as part of the ArriveCAN requirements will be completed by Academy Staff. You must provide your son's account login information to the Academy Operations Coordinator Lisa Lake at llake@rla.ca as soon as possible.

Upon Arrival

Screening

Upon your son's arrival at their destination they must complete the RLA symptom screener which can be found at <https://robertlandacademy.com/screening/> .

Transportation from the Airport

With flight details sent to our Operations Coordinator Lisa Lake at llake@rla.ca, a uniformed member of RLA staff will greet your son at the airport. Our staff member will provide your son direct transportation from the airport of arrival to the RLA campus. Safe transportation guidelines have been implemented in accordance with Transportation Guidance established by the Niagara Region Public Health. Excluding any urgent medical emergencies, there shall be no stops during the trip from the airport of arrival to the Academy. Should an unplanned stop be required, the RLA staff member shall ensure the Academy Adjutant is informed immediately in order to provide adequate notification to the affected parties of the student's and/or family member's quarantine status.

Accommodations and Logistics

7. Quarantined students will be housed completely in Fitzgibbon Hall and Stratford Hall under the direction of dedicated staff for the duration of the 14-days. Supervisory staff will be provided with the appropriate PPE and training as directed by Academy medical staff. Quarantined students will be allowed to conduct activities outdoors with all meals being delivered, but must remain isolated from all other students for the duration of their quarantine. These buildings allow for each student in quarantine to have access to their own room and bathroom stall for privacy and physical distancing. Quarantined Students must arrive with a sufficient supply of medical masks and will participate in alternative recruit training/virtual learning arrangements in order to provide a parallel program experience while quarantined.

Removal of distractions and electronics is an integral part of the RLA program. Phone and internet services are strictly controlled. Parents will be provided updates as required from the Academy Nurse and Operations Coordinator regarding any concerns or issues that may arise during the quarantine period.

COVID Testing and Healthcare

8. As part of the RLA program, all students are provided with a full-spectrum of physical and social supports to ensure their wellbeing and safety is cared for. These services include access to the following:

- Medical Doctor;
- Registered Nurse;
- Physiotherapist;
- Athletic Therapist;
- Multi-faith religious services.

All RLA students will be tested on campus by the Academy Nurse once at the start of their quarantine period and once following the completion of their quarantine period. As part of our continued vigilance, all RLA students will be screened daily for COVID symptoms as part of the morning inspection routine. Any additional medical concerns will be identified during the morning screening and cared for through the Academy Nurse.

Any fees associated with medical care and testing will be paid directly out of the students TUCK account and an invoice will be submitted to Guard.Me International Insurance for reimbursement.

Physical and Social Support

9. Your son leaving home for an extended period of time can be challenging under normal circumstances and is only amplified during a global pandemic. However, at RLA all students are provided with a full spectrum of physical and social supports to ensure their wellbeing and safety is cared for. As part of the daily COVID symptom screening process all quarantined students will have the opportunity to visit with the Academy Nurse to help ensure their overall health. As a part of the RLA program, all students will receive on-going social and mental support through daily meetings with their “chain of command” and teachers. Students will also receive additional support through the Academy Healthcare staff, including meetings with our Psychotherapist if required.

Post-Quarantine

Attestation

10. Upon completion of the 14-day quarantine period RLA staff will complete an RLA Attestation of Quarantine Completion. A signed copy will sent to the family and a copy will be kept on the student personal file within the Academy

Additional Resources

10. As part of the RLA program, families play a vitally important role in ensuring academic and program success. The RLA “chain of command” seeks to engage and empower parents as part of the team to ensure continuity of messaging to the family in meeting their goals.

During these challenging times, the Academy Healthcare staff working in conjunction with the “chain of command” will provide families the information and details to assist them in coping with the stresses associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. Families will be provided with additional information and resources available through Public Health Ontario found at the link below.

<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/diseases-and-conditions/infectious-diseases/respiratory-diseases/novel-coronavirus/public-resources>

Additional Costs

11. RLA provides a structured program with 24 hour adult supervision. Supervision of the living accommodations (including the quarantined students) is within the scope of the day-to-day operations of the Academy. However, additional costs associated with additional staffing, staff overtime and transportation due to quarantine requirements may be passed on to the family of the student. The associated costs will be charged to the student’s TUCK account, all parents will be provided with written notification of the withdrawal and a cost summary prior.