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Garneau To Be Moved Out of Transport Job: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has conducted a small shuffle of his ministers before holing up later in the day for a cabinet retreat to plot strategy for the resumption of Parliament. The shuffle is due to the departure of Navdeep Bains, who stepped down as innovation minister Tuesday and is not intending to run again in the next election. In the first virtual swearing-in ceremony in Canadian history, Francois-Philippe Champagne shed his title as foreign minister to take up Bains' former role, while ex-transport minister Marc Garneau moved into Champagne's old job.



Porter Airlines Extends Suspension of Operations Until APR: Porter Airlines has extended its suspension of operations through 29MAR, 2021, blaming the continuing surge in COVID-19 cases and corresponding public health measures. "With the introduction of vaccines, we are more optimistic about determining a date in the near-term to reintroduce flights than at any point since the pandemic

began," said Michael Deluce, president and CEO of Porter Airlines.



WestJet Slashes Capacity, Blaming "Rushed" Gov't Testing Regime; 1,000 Staff Impacted: The airline is removing 30 percent of its currently planned FEB and MAR capacity from the schedule, a year-over-year reduction of more than 80 per cent. In addition, the airline will reduce domestic frequencies by 160 departures as frequently evolving advisories, travel restrictions and guidance "continue to negatively impact demand trends."



Ontario declares state of emergency, issues stay-at-home order beginning Thursday: Ontario has declared a state of emergency due to a surge of COVID-19 cases on Tuesday and issued a stay-at-home order that takes effect Thursday at 12:01 a.m. ET, Premier Doug Ford announced. The stay-at-home order does not include essential activities, such as accessing health care, shopping for groceries, exercising or doing

essential work. The new measures also include restricting the hours of operation for non-essential retail stores such as hardware stores to between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. ET.

All Air Passengers Entering U.S. Must Have Pre-Arrival Negative COVID Test Starting Jan. 26: In-destination PCR testing will no doubt ramp up exponentially now that one of the biggest travel markets in the world – the U.S. – is following the lead of other countries including Canada in mandating pre-arrival negative COVID-19 tests for air passengers. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) made the announcement today, Jan. 12, with the new rule taking effect Jan. 26.



Maritime Travel – TravelSmart: COVID-19 Health and Safety Resource Center: Maritime Travel has compiled a one-stop resource for travel managers and travellers, offering accurate and up-to-date information on policies pertaining to all forms of travel. This online portal will consist of categories such as:

- [General Information \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [Government Regulations](#)
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