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Air Canada Cuts Domestic Routes Another 25%, Slashes Workforce By 1,700:

Air Canada is further reducing first quarter capacity by an additional 25 per cent, resulting in a workforce reduction of approximately 1,700 employees in addition to the over 200 impacted employees at its Express carriers. AC says it is working with its unions on mitigation programs. With this reduction, capacity in the first quarter of 2021 will be about 20 per cent of what Air Canada operated in the first quarter of 2019.



N.S. Tightens Testing Rules For Rotational Workers:

Nova Scotia rotational workers will need to be tested for COVID-19 twice each time they return home. "We had to make a tough decision, but we believe it is the right one," said Premier Stephen McNeil. "Audits will be done, and if they do not get their first test, they will be found, they will be called and reminded to get their second test. And if they do not get their second test, they will be fined \$1,000 for that." McNeil said Tuesday that he's concerned about the high number of

COVID-19 cases in other parts of Canada, specifically Alberta, where many of Nova Scotia's rotational workers travel.



Transport Canada Ready to Unground Boeing 737 MAX on 20JAN:

Transport Canada has issued an Airworthiness Directive and additional crew training requirements for the Boeing 737 MAX ahead of the plane's expected ungrounding in Canada on 20JAN, 2021. The Airworthiness Directive outlines the required modifications to be made to the aircraft prior to a return to service in Canadian airspace, concluding the department's review of the aircraft.

Air Canada to Resume Boeing 737 MAX Commercial Operations February 1, 2021:

Air Canada today said that following Transport Canada's (TC) Airworthiness Directive and January 20, 2021 lifting of the existing Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) for the Boeing 737 MAX aircraft, the aircraft ungrounding by regulatory bodies worldwide, and the carrier's own independent assessments of the aircraft and operating procedures by its specialized safety and flight operations experts, it will be resuming Boeing 737 MAX commercial operations on February 1, 2021.



No Positive Tests in First Phase Of YVR's Rapid COVID-19 Test Pilot Project:

The Vancouver International Airport says no-one who participated in the first phase of rapid COVID-19 test pilot project has turned up positive for the virus. The airport launched the project, which is in partnership with WestJet, UBC and Providence Healthcare, at the end of November. In the six weeks since, it says more than 300 people have opted to try the rapid testing.



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](#)
- [Air Travel Regulations](#)
- [Hotel Updates](#)
- [Car & Ground Transportation](#)