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Feds Launch 2 Funding Programs For CDN Airports:

In a press conference Tuesday, Ottawa's Minister of Transport, Omar Alghabra, launched two new contribution funding programs to help Canada's airports recover from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic:

- The Airport Critical Infrastructure Program (ACIP) is a new program providing close to \$490 million to financially assist Canada's larger airports with investments in critical infrastructure-related to safety, security or connectivity; and
- The Airport Relief Fund (ARF) is a new program providing almost \$65 million in financial relief to smaller Canadian airports to help maintain operations.



Travel Restrictions Must Remain a While Longer, Trudeau Says:

Health and travel restrictions for Canada need to remain in place a little longer, says Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. But there's good reason for optimism. "There is hope" for a "slightly better

summer," Trudeau told the media Tuesday. But the Prime Minister said restrictions need to stay in place until at least 75% of the population has at least their first shot and community transmission is better controlled through tracing, virus testing and tamping down on the spread of COVID-19.



Air Canada Reports Huge Q1 Losses And Calls For "Reopening Plan":

In its first quarterly results since receiving a \$6 billion bailout package from the federal government, Air Canada Friday morning revealed a net loss of \$1.304 billion in the first quarter of 2021, compared to a net loss of just over one billion dollars in the same quarter last year.



Turkish Untangled: Inside The Carrier's New Vancouver Service:

Turkish Airlines began its long-awaited Istanbul to Vancouver service on May 2nd, becoming the carrier's third route to Canada. Vancouver uses the Boeing 787-9 and will probably focus on connections to/from India, Iran, Israel, Greece, and the UAE, among others.



Travel Rebound: Millions Of People Board Planes As US Sets Pandemic-Era High For Air Travel:

The United States set another record for the number of air travelers since the coronavirus pandemic set in, although passenger numbers remain far below 2019 levels. Nearly 1.67 million people were screened at U.S. airport checkpoints on Sunday, according to the Transportation Security Administration. That was the highest number screened since March 12 of last year when air travel began to plummet.



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](#)