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## News Flash

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**VIA Rail Top Trusted Transportation Brand In Canada:** VIA Rail Canada has been recognized as one of the most trusted companies in Canada in 2021 by the Gustavson Brand Trust Index (GBTI), and ranks first in transportation companies. The rankings are presented by the Peter B. Gustavson School of Business at the University of Victoria. VIA has topped the list of companies in the “Transportation” category for a third year in a row.



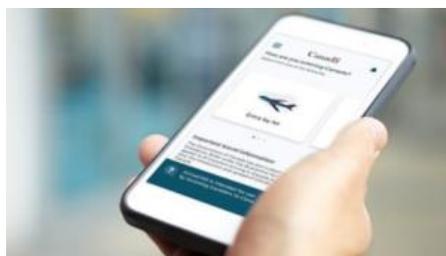
**Delta Stops Blocking Middle Seats, Officially Ending Social Distancing On Planes:** Saturday marks the end of a pandemic era in the air: no more social distancing on flights. Delta was the final holdout, ending its practice of blocking middle seats on Saturday. That is more than a year after the airline first introduced the practice as the coronavirus cratered the number of air travelers. Other major U.S. carriers have long since returned to full flights.



**EU Eyes Letting Fully Vaccinated Tourists Into Bloc:** Europe is looking at easing travel restrictions on foreign tourists as early as next month, if they are fully vaccinated or come from a country with COVID under control, officials said Monday. The European Commission is recommending EU member states agree to restart the bloc's vital tourist industry in time for the European summer after a wipe-out season last year when travel plummeted worldwide.



**NB To Allow Exceptions To Hotel Self-Isolation Requirement:** New Brunswick is easing self-isolation rules a little over a week after requiring all non-essential travellers to quarantine at a designated hotel. All leisure travellers, business travellers, and people moving had to self-isolate at a hotel for at least seven days. The stay costs about \$1,300 and is managed by the Canadian Red Cross. But now the province is allowing exemptions for people to self-isolate in a stand-alone residence.



**Vaccine Passport Could Be The Existing ‘ArriveCan’ App:** After months of debate and controversy, the federal government is finally ‘all in’ on vaccine passports – but only for international, not domestic, travel. And the Health Minister has tipped her hand in suggesting what Canadians’ vaccine passport might be. During her CBC interview, Hadju revealed the federal government is looking at expanding the use of an existing app, “ArriveCan” to serve as Canadians’ ‘vaccine passport.’



**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](#)