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"Fast" And "Smooth": Positive Pax Feedback As COVID Rapid Testing Pilot Launches At YYC: The first passengers to take part in the new COVID-19 screening program at YYC have landed. Yesterday, WestJet announced flight WS1511 from LAX to YYC was the first of its international flights eligible to participate in the new rapid testing pilot program. The new pilot project, conducted in partnership with the Governments of Canada and Alberta, shortens the current 14-day quarantine requirement for international travellers who receive a negative COVID-19 test.



YVR, WestJet Preparing COVID-19 Rapid Test Pilot For Takeoff: Vancouver International Airport and WestJet are aiming to get a COVID-19 rapid test pilot up and running some time in November. Rather than target specific routes, testing will be carried out in a four-hour daily window in order to capture WestJet's departing domestic flights, said YVR's vice-president of operations and

maintenance, Robyn McVicker, and Billy Nolen, WestJet's vice-president of safety, security and quality, in a joint announcement posted to the airport's website on Monday.



New Airline OWG: NOV Launch Postponed: New Quebec-based airline OWG, a subsidiary of Nolinor Aviation, has delayed its NOV launch, with no new date announced at this time. As Open Jaw reported, Hola Sun (Caribe Sol in Quebec) partnered with OWG to provide direct air service to Cuba. Flights were due to take off this month from YYZ and YUL to four Cuban destinations: Varadero, Cayo Coco, Holguín and Santa Clara.



Boeing CEO Says 'Very Close To Finish Line' On Getting 737 Max Flight Ban Lifted: Boeing's CEO, Dave Calhoun, on Wednesday said the company is "getting very close to the finish line" of the worldwide grounding of its 737 Max plane, which hasn't flown passengers since March 2019 following two deadly crashes. Boeing in July said it expected regulators to sign off on the plane in the fourth

quarter. One of its biggest U.S. customers, American Airlines, has the jet in its schedule for several flights at the end of the year but other customers don't expect to fly it until next year.

Canada Introduces New Requirements For Int'l Travellers; Up To \$1,000 Fine For Noncompliance: All travellers entering Canada will be required to provide a quarantine plan and regularly check-in with the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) starting 21NOV, or face fines of up to \$1,000 for noncompliance, the agency announced yesterday in a notice posted online.



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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