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Pfizer's Coronavirus Vaccine May Be 90% Effective, Early Data Suggests: Pfizer said Monday that an early peek at the data on its coronavirus vaccine suggests the shots may be a surprisingly robust 90% effective at preventing COVID-19, putting the company on track to apply later this month for emergency-use approval from the Food and Drug Administration.



Ottawa Confirms Loans For Airlines; Support Contingent On Refunds: As Open Jaw reported Friday, Ottawa is ready to offer financial assistance to the pandemic-battered airline sector in the form of loans, Minister of Transport Marc Garneau announced Sunday. Discussions are expected to begin this week. Garneau's statement confirms what Open Jaw reported last week: the government won't be taking a stake in airlines as a condition of financial aid. The condition for federal support is that airlines must provide millions of dollars in refunds for cancelled tickets.



"Suffocated Demand" Leads Porter To Suspend Flights Through 11FEB 2021: Porter Airlines has extended its flight suspension beyond the holiday period, with plans to restart operations on 11FEB, 2021. "Unfortunately, the continued and cumulative effects of restrictive travel advisories, border closures and quarantines have suffocated travel demand to the point that a return to sustainable levels of passenger traffic is highly unlikely in 2020."



COVID-19 Testing at YYC: The Province of Alberta and the Government of Canada and the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) recently announced a science-based, arrival testing program at YYC, the first of its kind at any Canadian airport. Eligible arriving international passengers will be able to voluntarily get a free COVID-19 test upon arrival in Canada at YYC Calgary International Airport. Eligible arriving international passengers will be able to voluntarily get a free COVID-19 test upon arrival in Canada at YYC Calgary International Airport.



Lufthansa Group Introduces Optional COVID-19 Insurance: The Lufthansa Group has introduced an optional COVID-19 insurance plan for passengers flying with Lufthansa, SWISS and Austrian Airlines. Effective immediately, passengers opting for Lufthansa insurance packages will be covered in the event of COVID-related problems.



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](#)

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