



**For Immediate Release**

## **Media Statement**

**Airport Not Available for Commercial Flight Operations until 5am on Wednesday,  
January 22, 2020**

**For Monday, January 20, 2020 at 4:30pm**

St. John's International Airport Authority has been working in close consultation with the City of St. John's, Royal Newfoundland Constabulary, Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, and all our regional partners since the significant winter storm event took place on Friday, Jan. 17, 2020. In consideration of the continued State of Emergency in place by the City of St. John's, St. John's International Airport Authority will remain closed to commercial aircraft until Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2020 at 0500 hours.

St. John's International Airport opened for military, emergency and medevac flights at 0900 on Sunday, Jan. 19, 2020, and continues to remain open for these flights. The Airport Authority has had 20 winter maintenance operators working around the clock since Friday, Jan. 17, 2020 to remove snow, and the Airport is prepared for flight operations when the City deems it safe for passengers to travel on its roads to and from the Airport. All runways, roadways and parking lots are clear and ready to accept aircraft and vehicles when State of Emergency is lifted.

It is appreciated that this storm event has had a significant impact on the traveling public, but safety is the number one priority for all agencies involved. The Airport Authority is in contact with all airlines and aircraft operators to provide the most up-to-date information.

Passengers are advised to not come to the Airport until the State of Emergency is lifted and flight operations are scheduled to resume. Please contact your airline directly for updates and rebooking of flights. Further updates will be provided as they become available.

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