



ST. JOHN'S
International Airport Authority



News Release

St. John's International Airport Receives Health Accreditation from Airports Council International

ST. JOHN'S, NL, Thursday, November 19, 2020 – The St. John's International Airport Authority (SJIAA) is pleased to announce that its commitment to health and safety has been recognized by Airports Council International (ACI) and the St. John's International Airport is now accredited in its Airport Health Accreditation program.

"We've always been committed to doing everything we can to maintain health and safety for our passengers and Airport workers," said Peter Avery CEO, SJIAA. "The COVID-19 pandemic has further elevated health and safety at our Airport. The Airport Health Accreditation offers passengers an added layer of confidence that our stringent health measures and protocols are in line with global best practices."

ACI's Airport Health Accreditation program is designed to reassure the travelling public that airport facilities remain safe and that precautions are being taken to limit health risks during the travel process.

"Since March, we have been working closely with the provincial and federal governments to facilitate evolving travel restrictions and following the guidelines designed to slow the spread of COVID-19," said Kirk White, Director of Operations, SJIAA. "We continue to look for new ways to improve our operations through our "YYT Safe Travels" program."

There are several measures currently in place at the airport as part of SJIAA's "YYT Safe Travels" initiative. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Since July, masks have been mandatory for everyone in the terminal building, including passengers and airport workers.
- Access to the terminal building is limited to passengers and airport workers to support physical distancing. Anyone picking up or dropping off a passenger is asked to wait outside unless the passenger requires assistance.
- Extra hand-sanitizing stations have been deployed throughout the terminal building for when handwashing is not possible.

- The frequency and efficiency of cleaning and sanitizing protocols have been increased. New disinfecting cleaner was introduced and is used on high traffic areas and high-touch surfaces.
- All Airport shops and restaurants submit a Safe Work Plan for operating at the Airport. YellowBelly Brewery, Newfoundland Chocolate Company, the Heritage Shop, Relay, JellyBean Harbour, and one Tim Hortons location are open with health and safety measures in place.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has had devastating impacts on our airport and the aviation industry as a whole,” said Avery. “With this Airport Health Accreditation, we want passengers to know that when they’re ready to travel, we’re ready to welcome them.”

To learn more about the health and safety measures in place at St. John’s International Airport, please visit stjohnsairport.com/yytsafetravels/.

St. John’s International Airport Authority is a private, not-for-profit, non-share organization with the mandate to provide the region with a safe, cost-efficient transportation facility that is a catalyst for economic growth. Under the provisions of a long-term Ground Lease with the Federal Government of Canada, the Airport Authority is responsible for the airport’s operations on behalf of the community it serves.

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