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St. John's International Airport Receives Airport Health Reaccreditation

ST. JOHN'S, NL – The St. John's International Airport Authority (SJIAA) is pleased to announce that its commitment to health and safety has been recognized once again by Airports Council International (ACI). This week, St. John's International Airport was successfully reaccredited through the Airport Health Accreditation program.

"We continue to commit to doing everything we can to maintain health and safety for our passengers and Airport workers," said Peter Avery CEO, SJIAA. "The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has further elevated health and safety at our Airport. This Airport Health Accreditation offers both passengers and employees an added layer of confidence and demonstrates 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 the beginning of the pandemic, we have been working tirelessly with Public Health, provincial and federal governments to facilitate evolving travel restrictions and follow the guidelines designed to slow the spread of COVID-19," said Kirk White, Director of Operations, SJIAA. "This reaccreditation affirms that we are committed to providing a safe space for all travellers and are following top industry standards."

Some of the measures currently recognized through this reaccreditation include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Masks remain mandatory for everyone entering in the terminal building, including passengers and airport workers.
- Increased frequency and efficiency of cleaning and sanitizing protocols. New disinfecting cleaners and equipment were introduced and are used in high traffic areas and on high-touch surfaces.
- Extra hand-sanitizing stations have been deployed throughout the terminal building for when handwashing is not possible.
- All Airport shops and restaurants must submit and follow a Safe Work Plan to operate at the Airport.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has had devastating impacts on our airport and the aviation industry as a whole," said Avery. As we begin to see our country reopen and travel restrictions lifted, YYT has a renewed sense of hope for the Air Service Industry in Newfoundland and Labrador. We are confident that our safety protocols

will assist in the fight against COVID-19 as we proceed through the recovery phase. We are ready when you are."

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

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St. John's International Airport Authority is a private, not-for-profit 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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