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This message is to provide a further update on the work that Transport Canada, Health Canada, Public Health Agency of Canada, and Indigenous Services Canada are undertaking with respect to travelers from remote communities and the vaccine mandate for the transportation sector.

For those travelling from remote communities, being vaccinated provides the best protection for themselves, the people they are travelling with, and their community members.

In recognition of the unique needs of travelers from remote communities, the following interim accommodations were put in place on October 30, 2021, for unvaccinated travelers to and from remote communities:

- Anyone quarantining under Public Health Authority requirements prior to travel (e.g. as required by Nunavut) are exempted from the testing requirements.
- Travelers flying out of remote communities are exempt from the mandatory testing requirement before they depart until such time as the local testing capacity is in place.
- Instead, free, rapid high-quality testing COVID testing is available at “gateway” airports and southern airports for an interim period to enable these travelers to be tested as soon as possible in their journey, to ensure their travel is safe for themselves and others.

In response to the challenges posed by the emergence of Omicron, the current accommodations are being extended, in order to allow for necessary engagement with Indigenous Organizations and communities, industry and Provinces and Territories on the best means to bring the accommodation in line with the strict domestic vaccination mandate, while ensuring access to essential services for remote travellers and communities.

We are planning to re-launch sustained engagement during the month of March, and we look forward to continuing to engage with you to build this ongoing model.

Thank you, again, for your participation and input in development of the approach to this point.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Aaron McCrorie', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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