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**WestJet to restore regional routes suspended due to COVID-19**

Flights set to resume to airports across Atlantic Canada and Quebec City as part of the airline’s commitment to a safe restart

**CALGARY, Alberta**. March 24, 2021. WestJet today announced it will restore flights to the communities of Charlottetown, Fredericton, Moncton, Sydney and Quebec City after service was suspended as a result of COVID-19. The reinstatement of service will restore WestJet’s complete network of pre-COVID-19 domestic airports.

"We committed to return to the communities we left, as a result of the pandemic, and we will be restoring flights to these regions in the coming months, of our own volition,” said Ed Sims, WestJet, President and CEO. “These communities have been a crucial factor in our success over our 25 years and it is critical for us to ensure they have access to affordable air service and domestic connectivity to drive their economic recovery.”

Service is set to resume to the five airports WestJet suspended service from in November, beginning June 24, 2021 through to June 30, 2021. In addition, service between St. John’s and Toronto, which was indefinitely suspended in October, will resume effective June 24, 2021. Following a temporary suspension, the restart of service between St. John’s and Halifax will be advanced from June 24, 2021 to May 6, 2021. Full schedule details and restart dates are outlined below.

“Our focus remains on the safe restart of air travel. We ask that federal and provincial governments work with us to provide clarity and certainty to Canadians, including travel policies that support economic recovery and restore jobs,” continued Sims.

Recognizing the investments that WestJet’s travel and tourism partners in the regions need to make to begin to recover from the pandemic, the airline will continue to encourage the Atlantic premiers to advance their efforts to ensure the region is open to Canadians this summer.

“Alongside an accelerated and successful vaccine rollout, we are hopeful that there will be an easing of onerous travel restrictions currently in place,” said Sims. “We look forward to working together to safely reconnect Canadians to the region in the coming months.”

**Planned Network Service Resumptions:**

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| **Route** | **Frequency** | **Planned restart date** |
| St. John’s-Halifax | 6x weekly | May 6, 2021 |
| Charlottetown-Toronto | 11x weekly | June 24, 2021 |
| St. John’s-Toronto | 1x daily | June 24, 2021 |
| Fredericton-Toronto | 1x daily | June 26, 2021 |
| Quebec City-Toronto | 1x daily | June 28, 2021 |
| Sydney-Halifax | 1x daily | June 28, 2021 |
| Moncton-Toronto | 1x daily | June 30, 2021 |

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**About WestJet**

In 25 years of serving Canadians, WestJet has cut airfares in half and increased the flying population in Canada to more than 50 per cent. Starting with 250 employees, five destinations and three aircraft, by 2019 the airline had grown to 14,000 employees, 180 aircraft and served more than 100 destinations in 23 countries.

Since the start of the pandemic the WestJet Group of Companies has built a layered framework of safety measures to ensure Canadians can continue to travel safely and responsibly through the airline’s [Safety Above All](https://www.westjet.com/en-ca/travel-info/safety?sm_cid=social:ws-world:coronavirus-covid-safety:twitter) hygiene program. During this time, WestJet has maintained its status as one of the top-10 on-time airlines in North America as named by Cirium.

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