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Communication to Transwest Air Passengers

On Wednesday June 24, 2020 we became aware that a passenger on Transwest Air Flight 510 that you travelled on from Prince Albert, had been identified as a contact to person who had tested positive for COVID-19. At the time of the flight, this passenger had not yet been provided with this information as the contact tracing was still underway. Following further investigation through Public Health yesterday evening, it was confirmed that this passenger was NOT a close contact to the person who tested positive.

This passenger had been screened prior to boarding the aircraft; did not have any symptoms during their journey; and wore a mask for the duration of the flight. They were also subsequently tested and their result was negative. Following a detailed assessment of this scenario, Public Health officials have determined that this situation does not pose a health risk to fellow passengers or crew who were on board the aircraft or had interaction with this passenger yesterday.

Out of an abundance of caution, you are advised to self-monitor for any symptoms over the next 14 days. Self-monitoring means paying attention to your health so you can identify signs of sickness. Symptoms to watch out for include: fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose, chills, diminished sense of smell, body aches, shortness of breath, and breathing difficulties. You should call HealthLine 811 for evaluation and advice if you develop any of those symptoms. If you do identify any of these symptoms you should self-isolate immediately. Self-isolation is an important way of preventing COVID-19 from spreading in Saskatchewan.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve globally, you are reminded of the following recommended preventive measures in your daily interactions:

- Practise proper cough and sneezing etiquette (into a tissue or the bend of your elbow);
- Wash your hands often with soap and water; if soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer;
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands;
- Clean and disinfect your home regularly;
- Maintain safe food practices;
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick;
- Avoid unnecessary travel to affected areas; and
- Avoid large crowds and practice physical distancing (do not shake hands, hug or kiss).

If you have any related questions please call: 306-439-2655 (AHA) OR 306-425-8512 (SHA) OR 306-953-5000 (NITHA).

For more information on COVID-19 visit: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/health-care-administration-and-provider-resources/treatment-procedures-and-guidelines/emerging-public-health-issues/2019-novel-coronavirus>

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