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## TIA YUKON STATEMENT ON CLOSURE OF BC/YUKON BUBBLE

TIA Yukon's Chair, Neil Hartling, made the following statement regarding the Yukon government's November 18<sup>th</sup> announcement of the closure of the BC/Yukon travel bubble:

"TIA Yukon recognizes that the position of the BC Government in reaction to current spikes in COVID-19 infections has resulted in the closure of the BC/Yukon Bubble. The health and safety of the Yukon's tourism workforce, of guests to the territory, and of the Yukon public is paramount; in light of the rapid rise in COVID-19 numbers in BC, TIA Yukon supports the Yukon Government's decision to close the bubble at this time.

Yukon tourism operators are positioned to provide self-isolation options for locals and essential workers who are in need of these services. They have adopted COVID-19 safety protocols and subscribe to the World Travel and Tourism Council's Safe Travels program. You can find listings of active operators and accommodations at <a href="wukonwild.com"><u>yukonwild.com</u></a> and <a href="tiayukon.com"><u>tiayukon.com</u></a>.

TIA Yukon will continue to support the Yukon's tourism community as it works to navigate this crisis."

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