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Subject: Response Required by October 21--Designation to Receive International Students

Hello:

As noted in my email sent last week, attached are the requirements the Province is asking each designated learning institution (DLI) to comply with in order to be added to Nova Scotia's list of approved DLIs deemed ready to accept international students travelling to Canada.

The requirements in this document are specific to international students (and co-arriving immediate family members) and the federally mandated 14-day quarantine period. Therefore, this document is separate from, and in addition to, the re-opening plans submitted to meet provincial public health requirements. Please review the document carefully to determine whether your institution will be able to comply with the requirements noted. Should there be any questions regarding the requirements, please contact Cheryl To (Cheryl.to@novascotia.ca).

If, in your assessment, it is determined that the institution will be able to meet all the requirements, please confirm that to me in writing (email is acceptable) by end of day October 21st. Further, in your confirmation, please outline the quarantine location and accommodation details the institution will be providing or arranging for new international students (and co-arriving immediate family members) as well as an estimate of the number of international students expected to arrive in Nova Scotia. An estimated timeframe of arrivals would also be helpful in informing public health decisions.

Any DLI who provides written confirmation, along with the details noted above, by end of day October 21st will be forwarded to IRCC for publication on November 3rd. It is our understanding that the IRCC list will be updated on a bi-weekly basis. Therefore, should a DLI require additional time, the next time the IRCC list will be updated is November 17th and the Department would have to received written confirmation by November 4th.

Nova Scotia highly values the contributions international students make to the post-secondary sector and to the province's social and economic development. International students add to the opportunity, growth and social well-being of our province. Before we welcome new international students to our province, we must ensure international students will be provided with the necessary supports and oversight during their federally mandated 14-day quarantine period and are equipped with the proper information to ensure a smooth journey from their home country to Canada. For many, the quarantine period will be their first experience in Canada and I have no doubt that institutions, who confirm their compliance with the requirements, will do their best to make new international students feel supported and welcomed once they arrive in Nova Scotia.

Thank you,
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