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**NH BEA Commissioner Statement on Lifting Restrictions of  
Non-essential Travel at the US/Canadian Border**

**Concord, N.H. - (October 13, 2021)** – New Hampshire Department of Business and Economic Affairs (BEA) Commissioner Taylor Caswell issued the following statement after today’s announcement that the United States will lift restrictions at its land border with Canada for fully vaccinated travelers from Canada.

“Our tourism industry has been anxiously awaiting this news for months, and we are all happy to see the federal government has finally lifted these land border restrictions,” said Caswell. “We are excited to welcome back our Canadian friends very soon and we fully expect to see an increase in visitation to the state in the coming months when our neighbors to the north return.”

According to the announcement from US Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas, the easing of restrictions will occur in two phases over the coming months. The first phase begins in November and will allow fully vaccinated travelers to enter the US from Canada and Mexico at land and ferry points of entry for non-essential reasons. All visitors will be required to show proof of vaccination for COVID-19. The second phase, in early January 2022, will require all foreign nationals entering the US, to provide proof of vaccination, regardless of whether they are traveling for essential or non-essential reasons.

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**ABOUT THE DIVISION OF TRAVEL AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT**

The Division of Travel and Tourism Development, as part of the New Hampshire Department of Business and Economic Affairs, works with the state’s seven travel regions to increase visitation, travel and visitor expenditures in order to expand business activity and employment throughout the state. The division is responsible for domestic and international advertising and public relations, literature publication and distribution, [www.visitnh.gov](http://www.visitnh.gov) administration, grant administration and research to monitor and measure the impact of travel and tourism to the state.

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