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Rochelle Walensky, MD, MPH
Director
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
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Dear Dr. Walensky:

On behalf of JetBlue's 22,000 Crewmembers, we are writing to request CDC's reconsideration of the guideline for ten days of isolation for fully vaccinated people afflicted with breakthrough cases of COVID-19.

The current guidance was issued in early 2020 when we knew very little about COVID-19 and had limited tools to fight the pandemic. Today, we have a much better understanding of this disease and have groundbreaking vaccines and treatment options available to fight this virus. Recent media reports have cited numerous leading medical professionals who have noted that an update of the CDC's guidance is long overdue, noting that CDC's one size fits all 10-day period is both unnecessary for vaccinated persons and extremely disruptive.

Today, the vast majority of JetBlue's Crewmembers are vaccinated and like so many others are being relied upon by the American public for providing the essential service of travel. Healthcare workers, first responders, airline professionals and many other essential employees across the economy who are fully vaccinated may no longer need a full 10-day isolation.

We can safely mitigate disruption to our essential services and further economic harm during this Omicron wave by reducing the isolation period, from the start of symptoms, for those who are fully vaccinated and suffering from a breakthrough infection. JetBlue fully supports calls for CDC to reconsider the current guidance.

Thank you for your consideration of our views and for your continued service and leadership to our nation.

Sincerely,

Robin Hayes
Chief Executive Officer