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Let's monitor how this develops over the coming days and, at a minimum, plan to incorporate a bullet in the PT updates section of Sunday's report.

Thanks

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Nova Scotia is expanding its COVID-19 testing for essential work or travel and reducing

the cost to get a test.

The province has made a deal with PRAXES Medical Group, a Halifax-based company that provides emergency telehealth services, to test those who require proof that they do not have the virus.

The test costs \$250 plus HST, according to a news release Thursday from the Nova Scotia Health Authority.

On Wednesday, CBC News reported how the families of two women seeking to return home to China were frustrated by the high cost being charged by Nova Scotia for COVID-19 tests for non-Canadians. Until Thursday, Nova Scotia charged \$1,017.50 for a test, compared to \$360 in New Brunswick.

Dr. Brendan Carr, CEO of the Nova Scotia Health Authority, said Wednesday that the fee was under review and would likely be reduced.

The PRAXES testing is only available for people who have urgent, work-related travel that requires a negative COVID test; students or migrant workers who require the negative test result in order to return to their home countries; or for compassionate grounds, such as travel to visit a vulnerable, ill or elderly relative or attend a funeral.

People who are travelling for non-essential personal or business reasons will not be eligible for testing through the new service.

Those who are eligible are asked to visit the website at least five days before their travel date. They will receive a link to book an appointment online within one business day.

Right now, the testing is only available at the PRAXES location in Dartmouth. It will be available in other parts of Nova Scotia at a later date.

Test results will be available within 36 to 60 hours, depending on how many are being processed.

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