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## Norwegian forced to furlough an additional 1,600 employees following the government's decision not to give further support

**OSLO (NOVEMBER 9, 2020)** – Norwegian is forced to furlough employees and reduce capacity considerably following the [government's decision](#) to not support the company financially to get through the corona crisis while simultaneously imposing travel restrictions that actively discourage passengers from traveling. The consequences of the government-imposed travel restrictions are critical and Norwegian needs to keep its running costs to a minimum, while the company continues to work on solutions to survive.

“Following today’s disappointing announcement from the government, we have no choice but to furlough an additional 1,600 colleagues and park 15 of the 21 aircraft we’ve operated the past months. Recently government-imposed travel restrictions have effectively stifled any hope of a stable and progressive recovery, Norwegian has been hit from all sides by factors outside of our control. This is a sad day for everyone at Norwegian and I sincerely apologize to all our colleagues that are now affected, but there is no other alternative. Prior to Covid-19, Norwegian employed more than 10,000 people, but in the coming months, there will be only 600 colleagues employed. Our goal is to keep six aircraft on domestic routes in Norway, and I expect that Norwegian will also receive route support from the Ministry of Transportation, as previously announced,” said CEO Jacob Schram of Norwegian.

Unfortunately, the significant route reduction will also affect customers who have already booked a flight with Norwegian.

“We will do everything we can to offer affected customers alternative travel options and I sincerely apologize for the inconvenience caused by this situation. All affected customers will be notified by us directly,” said Schram.

These domestic routes within Norway will be operated:

Oslo – Alta  
Oslo – Bergen  
Oslo – Bodø  
Oslo – Evenes  
Oslo – Haugesund  
Oslo – Kirkenes  
Oslo – Molde  
Oslo – Stavanger  
Oslo – Tromsø  
Oslo – Trondheim  
Oslo – Ålesund  
Tromsø – Longyearbyen

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## About Norwegian Air

Norwegian Air is the world's fifth largest low-cost airline and carried over 36 million passengers in 2019.

Norwegian has been named the [Most Fuel-Efficient Airline on Transatlantic Routes](#) by the International Council on Clean Transportation (ICCT) twice. In 2019, the airline [saved 1.7 million metric tons of CO2 emissions](#) compared to the industry average. Norwegian has been voted 'Europe's Best Low-Cost Airline' by passengers for six consecutive years at the SkyTrax World Airline Awards 2013-2019, along with being named the ['World's Best Low-Cost Long-Haul Airline'](#) for the past five consecutive years.

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