A Message From the CEO

Dear Friends,

As we enjoy springtime, the season of new beginnings, a palpable sense of renewal permeates airports nationwide as passenger traffic and business activity continue to gain traction in 2021. Today, passenger traffic at FLL is approximately 50 percent of 2019 pre-pandemic levels.

During first-quarter 2021, the airport welcomed about 2.3 million visitors in March, 1.56 million in February, and 1.67 million in January. Currently, we’re estimating 2.5 million visitors in April based on travel demand for Easter (which outpaced projections) and Spring Break, plus upticks in scheduled airline seats.

We’re optimistic recent industry trends indicate a sustained travel recovery that will help fast-track FLL back to pre-COVID-19 performance levels or higher. In January, the airport ranked No. 4 in total passenger traffic recovery among large-hub U.S. airports, according to the latest data from the trade group, Airports Council International-North America.

Looking back at how quiet FLL’s terminals, parking garages, and roadways were a year ago, we’re excited...
to welcome back more travelers in 2021. We are thankful for renewed support of air travel and the numerous jobs the aviation industry generates.

We’re also appreciative of the critical federal funding U.S. airports have been allocated in recent months to help keep the wheels of our economic engines turning. In March, the U.S. Congress approved $8 billion in federal relief to help airports stem the significant financial losses sustained during the pandemic. In February, the Broward County Aviation Department (BCAD) received notice from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) of the second round of funding for U.S. airports and eligible concessions under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act of 2020 passed in December. From this nearly $2 billion in economic relief, the FAA allocated approximately $31 million to FLL and $57,162 to North Perry Airport (HWO), our general aviation reliever facility.

Other current events fueling our positive outlook include:

- The increased distribution of COVID-19 vaccines nationwide
- The rise in inoculated Americans
- New U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines for fully vaccinated people

As business activity picks up at FLL, we remain vigilant about the safety and well-being of travelers and airport employees and remind everyone that facial coverings are mandatory inside our terminals and Rental Car Center. Federal rules about face masks and guidelines for social distancing and proper handwashing are also posted throughout the airport.

If you haven’t visited FLL in a while, here are some key highlights:

**COVID-19 Testing at FLL**
The Nomi Health-operated on-site COVID-19 testing service in Terminal 3 has administered more than 21,000 tests since opening to serve ticketed FLL travelers in December 2020.

**Destination News**
Several carriers have announced plans for new or returning nonstop routes from FLL to leisure-focused
destinations in 2021. For example, Spirit’s new flights to Louisville, KY and St. Louis, MO begin May 27, while Allegiant expects to relaunch service to Bangor, ME on May 28. Additionally, American resumed flights to Los Angeles, CA; Boston, MA; New York, NY (JFK) and Port au Prince, Haiti on April 2.

Employee Art
The fifth edition of FLL’s employee art exhibition, I Bet You Didn’t Know (IBYDK), is on display in the walkway connector between Terminals 3 and 4. The new collection includes acrylic and watercolor paintings, bronze and ceramic sculptures, mixed-media installations, photography, video, poetry, and music. The latest exhibit showcases the talents of 43 employee artists at FLL through September 2021. IBYDK is a collaborative effort between FLL and Broward Cultural Division’s Public Art & Design Program. The airport community and visitors have enthusiastically received the rotating art exhibit, and employee participation has grown since its debut in August 2018. Take a virtual tour.

Escape Lounge FLL
Nearly 60 of FLL’s 90 concessions are open to serve airport guests, and a handful of new venues are debuting this year, including Escape Lounge FLL (pictured above). As with all Escape Lounges, the FLL location, set to open in late 2021, will be a common-use lounge where travelers from any airline or status can enjoy the amenities. Lounge offerings will include hot and cold chef-curated food, premium alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, ample power outlets, high-speed Wi-Fi, up-to-the-second flight information and access to 7,000+ digital publications in 60+ languages from 120+ countries. Plush and relaxing seating throughout this over 5,000-square-foot lounge will be paired with airfield views and an aesthetic uniquely inspired by South Florida. Strict cleaning and safety protocols will be in effect at Escape Lounge FLL to keep all guests safe while still providing a relaxing retreat. Learn more at escapelounges.com/us/

Flight Path Tracking
BCAD is now participating in the flight tracking system WebTrak, which allows the public to view real-time and historical flight activity for aircraft operating near FLL and HWO. WebTrak’s radar flight track data, which comes from the FAA, includes the aircraft’s type,
altitude, origin/destination airports, and flight identification. For more information, click here.

Giving Back
This month we salute JetBlue Airways, one of FLL’s top three airlines, for its tradition of community support in the focus cities it serves. In March, the airline donated quantities of retired premium Mint service dining ware to the FLITE Center of Broward County as part of its ongoing “JetBlue For Good” mission. The Fort Lauderdale-based nonprofit works with teens aging out of foster care and other vulnerable youth to ensure a successful transition to independence through housing, education, employment, and system of care coordination. JetBlue’s donation will benefit thousands of youth and families across Broward County, FLITE said. Each set includes a coffee cup, espresso cup, small bowl, ramekin, fork, and knife. In February, JetBlue’s Fort Lauderdale IT team donated 19 reprogramed laptops to the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Broward County to enable children to connect with mentors during the pandemic and strengthen relationships positively impacting their lives and development.

Part 150 Public Workshop and Hearing
BCAD will host a virtual Public Information Workshop on April 21, starting at 5PM, followed by a federally-mandated Public Hearing at 7:30PM to offer community residents the opportunity to learn more about FLL’s ongoing Part 150 (14 CFR Part 150), Airport Noise Compatibility Planning Study. Additionally, the proposed measures in the Draft Noise Compatibility Program (NCP) report will be discussed. The Draft NCP Report identifies recommendations for future operational, land use, and programmatic measures that may be implemented to reduce aircraft noise impacts to non-compatible land uses around FLL. To review the Draft NCP or register for the workshop and hearing, visit: http://www.fllpart150.com/resources/.

Public Safety Campaign
As passenger activity increases at FLL, our "Pack the Fun, Not the Gun," public safety campaign continues to remind travelers that it is illegal to enter a Transportation Security Administration (TSA) passenger screening checkpoint with a weapon. Our message is clear - weapons and airports don't mix – and our goal is to reduce or eliminate the number of
weapons found at FLL’s screening checkpoints, making the airport safer for everyone. As of March 22, 2021, the TSA has intercepted 25 guns at FLL this year. That compares to 14 firearms for the same period in 2020, 22 in 2019 and 9 in 2018. This high interception rate ranks FLL among the TSA’s top 10 U.S. airports with the highest number of firearms found at security checkpoints. Read more here about this important campaign.

**Viral Testing for International Travel**

All international passengers (foreigners and U.S. citizens/legal residents) arriving by air into the United States from a foreign country are still required to provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test as a condition for entry, according to a CDC order effective January 26. The ruling requires to get an approved viral COVID-19 test within three days of their intended departure flight to the U.S. Learn more about the CDC’s [order](#) or view the [FAQs](#).

As better days beckon on the horizon, we look forward to welcoming you to FLL soon.

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