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Please note: our regular content remains suspended until further notice as we continue our efforts to mitigate the daily operational challenges resulting from the ongoing novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

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Official Newsletter of Broward County’s Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport

A Message From the CEO

Dear Friends,

As the new year progresses, we hope 2021 will bring good health and economic recovery to the families and communities struggling to restore a sense of normalcy after the extraordinary challenges the COVID-19 pandemic unleashed in 2020.

While 2020 was a tumultuous year, we believe it made us more nimble and tested our resiliency. During the latter half of the year, we were encouraged to see modest increases in passenger traffic at FLL, which helped the airport finish 2020 with nearly 16.5 million passengers. While that’s about 55 percent less volume than the record 36.7 million people who visited in 2019, we’re immensely thankful to everyone who kept our airport economy turning during this difficult time.

In 2021, like many other businesses reliant on people moving across domestic and international borders, aviation is expected to experience ongoing pandemic-related impacts as we navigate new travel restrictions designed to combat rising infections and emerging COVID-19 strains. For January, FLL welcomed nearly 1.67 million passengers, approximately 50 percent fewer travelers than the same month in 2020. Even
though we're not yet out of the pandemic's grasp, there's reason to believe better times are on the horizon. So let's stay positive and continue to support one another.

Though COVID-19 remains a formidable threat to our livelihoods and well-being, we're hopeful that vaccination efforts will increase in the U.S. and globally to help upend this modern-day plague and prevent more deaths. Until then, let's not give up the fight but draw strength and encouragement from the everyday heroes working among us to care for and comfort those impacted by this deadly virus.

At FLL, restoring consumer confidence in the safety of air travel remains a top priority. As such, please remember to wear a facial covering inside our terminals and Rental Car Center and help protect yourself and fellow travelers by adhering to federal law* and U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines on masks, social distancing and proper handwashing etiquette. Our newest airport amenity, the COVID-19 testing service in Terminal 3, reached a new milestone recently with more than 11,000 tests administered to FLL travelers since it opened last December.

We look forward to serving you at FLL in 2021 and beyond.

Here are some highlights of recent developments:

**Airline Updates**

American Airlines is poised to return to four previously-served cities from FLL on April 2. The AA destinations making a comeback in 2021 after several years on hiatus are Los Angeles, CA; Boston, MA; New York, NY (JFK) and Port au Prince, Haiti. In April, Silver Airways also intends to offer new service from Fort Lauderdale to Savannah, GA. Meanwhile, Allegiant Air announced it will begin flying again between FLL and Bangor, ME on May 28. The airline last offered this route in winter 2011-12.

**COVID-19 Testing Requirement for International Passengers**

All international passengers arriving by air into the United States from a foreign country are now required to provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test as a condition for entry, according to a new CDC order.
effective January 26. The ruling requires foreigners and returning U.S. citizens/legal residents to get an approved viral COVID-19 test within three days of their intended departure flight to the U.S. Travelers must present a paper or electronic copy of their test results or documentation showing recovery from COVID-19 at check-in for boarding clearance. Read more about the CDC’s order or view the FAQs.

CLEAR Expands to Terminal 4
CLEAR, a biometrics identification technology platform designed to expedite security checkpoint screening, is now available in all four terminals at FLL. On January 21, the company expanded service into Terminal 4, following rollouts in Terminals 3 and 1 in November and February 2019, respectively. CLEAR first debuted at FLL in Terminal 2 in October of 2018. Members move through a dedicated security checkpoint lane where their identities are instantly validated using iris and facial scan data before progressing to Transportation Security Administration (TSA) screening. Enrollment is open to U.S. citizens and legal residents 18 years and older who sign up online at Clearme.com or a participating airport such as FLL.

Federal Face Mask Mandate*
Effective Tuesday, February 2, by federal law, the TSA now requires individuals, with limited exceptions, to wear face coverings when traveling through U.S. airports, including at security screening checkpoints as well as onboard passenger aircraft. Failure to comply with the new federal mandate could result in an individual’s removal from the airport, denial of re-entry, and civil penalties per the agency.

FLL Hosts AFCA Coaches Trophy
We may not have hosted Super Bowl fans again this year, but we didn't miss out entirely on some high-profile football action. On January 8, the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Coaches Trophy, presented by Amway, made a pit stop in Terminal 3 for a photo opportunity with travelers before the College Football Playoff National Championship game between Alabama and Ohio State. The 8-lb Waterford crystal football, valued at $30,000, was presented to the coach of the winning Alabama team on January 11 at the Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens.
New Inter-Garage Courtesy Trams
When next you’re travelling through FLL, if you’re in need a ride from the Hibiscus or Palm parking garages to your terminal or vice versa, hop on one of our new passenger trams (pictured above). The new fleet of four inter-garage trams with luggage trailers feature comfortable cushioned seats and are regularly sanitized for a safe ride. When hopping aboard, please adhere to the social distancing guidelines to help keep riders safe.

North Runway Rehabilitation Project
Wins Third Award
The North Runway Rehabilitation Project has won its third industry award following completion of the massive $95 million enhancement initiative in early 2020. The American Council of Engineering Companies of Florida (ACECFL) recently named Kimley Horn & Associates, the project’s engineer of record a 2021 “excellence honor award” recipient in the transportation category. The ACECFL honor follows the project’s earlier recognition from the Florida Department of Transportation (Commercial Service Airport Project of the Year and Southeast Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives (Commercial Airport Project of the Year – Airfields).

Public Art at FLL
A newly-published brochure spotlights the colorful and captivating public art collection at FLL. The airport is home to more than 60 pieces of public art that includes paintings, sculptures, quilts, mosaic and terrazzo floors, photography, and sound art. The artwork on display in our terminals and Rental Car Center showcases the spirit and energy of South Florida and its commitment to the cultural arts. Since 1976, the Aviation Department has partnered with Broward County’s Public Art & Design Program to enhance the airport experience through artwork created by local, national, and internationally-acclaimed artists.

St. Valentine’s Guest Appreciation
On February 14, Cupid’s helpers, a.k.a. FLL customer service representatives, roamed the terminals during the day to deliver treats of chocolate roses and face masks to airport guests in appreciation for their support.
As the pandemic continues, please know that FLL is committed to utilizing a range of sanitization efforts to provide a safe, clean, and healthy environment for everyone. Learn more about what we've been doing to help you FLLy Safer, FLLy Smarter, FLLy Better.

Thank you for your continued patronage in 2021.

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