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



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## A Message From the CEO

Hello Friends,

### COVID-19 Update

It's summertime, and as reopening efforts continue across the nation, we're beginning to see slight yet gradual increases in business activity at FLL. While overall passenger traffic remains significantly below 2019 levels, this uptick in travel activity is an encouraging sign as America tries to regain some normalcy in this COVID-19 era. Our passenger volume more than doubled in May, with 234,515 people traveling through FLL compared with 103,333 in April. Although these numbers are nowhere near where we would ultimately like to see them, we're optimistic this upward trend will continue into June and July.

In recent months, we have made great strides in enhancing our airport facility from top to bottom to prepare for the eventual return of passengers. This preparation included the installation of social distancing markers, acrylic "sneeze guards" at our airline, rental car and concession counters, and increased sanitization efforts, as well as adding more than 400 hand sanitizer dispensers airport-wide. We developed the "**FLLy Safer, FLLy Smarter, FLLy Better**" campaign to inform passengers about these initiatives through our website, social media, terminal flight information displays, and airport public address system.

One significant change is the requirement that face coverings be worn by everyone while inside the airport's terminals and Rental Car Center per a Broward County Emergency Order. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also strongly recommend the use of face coverings to help curb the spread of COVID-19. Our employees are reminding guests and fellow airport workers to adhere to this new rule for everyone's protection. Thanks to a delivery from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Broward County Aviation Department (BCAD) is offering free masks to anyone who needs one. Of note, law enforcement and medical responders are exempt from this County order as are small children, the elderly, those with religious objections or a medical condition that precludes them from covering their faces.

### **Construction**

Aside from terminal and roadway improvements, we are completing essential maintenance and repairs on our South Runway, which began this month for completion in early July. This timing was ideal for minimizing any potential flight delays for travelers. During the runway's closure, all aircraft will operate on the North Runway.

### **Hurricane Season**

With summer comes the annual hurricane season from June through November, which is something BCAD takes very seriously. Our emergency response plan is continually updated to ensure we are prepared to protect the traveling public, employees, and the airport itself.

### **Community**

As a significant South Florida economic engine, at BCAD, we're always open to supporting our community wherever possible. On June 13, we hosted the "Operation Uplift Part II" free food distribution at FLL to benefit area residents financially-impacted by COVID-19. Also, on June 18, we joined in supporting a new "buy local" stimulus campaign, spearheaded by Six Pillars Broward, to help kick-start a safe economic reboot of Broward County. Six Pillars is a community-wide initiative of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance and its Foundation. The campaign uses the acronym "SOB," which means "Supporter of Broward" in an edgy and smart way to encourage everyone to support and strengthen our local economy during this difficult time.

While we continue to battle COVID-19 and balance efforts to resume our lives and livelihoods, let's not forget we are all in this crisis together. Let's remain united in our efforts to end this pandemic and economic downturn.

When you consider future travel options, please remember your hometown airport and choose to "FLLy like an SOB" (Supporter of Broward) on your next trip.

*Mark*

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