



PLAN AHEAD FOR THANKSGIVING TRAVEL

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – November 20, 2012, New Orleans – The Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport is planning for a busy Thanksgiving holiday travel period.

The combined parking capacity of the Long and Short Term parking garages at the Airport is approximately 5,000 parking spots, which are available on a first come, first served basis. Based on historical data, parking demand may exceed the number of spots available. It is recommended that you plan accordingly and consider your options in deciding a means of transportation to the Airport.

Due to the large amount of construction taking place at the airport, there will be no on-site overflow parking available. We encourage customers to use the off-site parking vendors located on Airline Drive if arriving during one of these periods or consider using a taxi or having a family member drop you off.

Law enforcement will be placing traffic controls in effect as vehicle traffic builds. Please comply with all law enforcement traffic controls as they are being done to ease the congestion and allow customers to exit and enter the facility in the best manner possible.

The Airport operates a “cell phone” lot at the corner of Airline Drive and Hollandey Street across from the Airport Access Road. This lot will provide people picking up arriving passengers a safe, convenient place to wait until the passenger arrives and calls to say that they are at curbside ready for pick-up. Cell phone lots are becoming popular at airports across the country as a way to decrease the vehicular traffic on the roadway systems.

People picking up passengers at the Airport are encouraged to use the cell phone lot. Circling the roadway system is not encouraged due to congestion. The cell phone lot is being encouraged for this reason.

Passengers are reminded that heightened security is in effect at the Airport. If you will be traveling during this busy period, the following suggestions may improve your experience:

- Arrive at least 2 hours prior to your departure time.
- Most domestic air travelers can avoid ticketing counter lines by checking in with their airlines through the airlines’ websites before coming to the airport. Passenger should also, make sure baggage complies with the airline’s size and weight limitations so there are no surprises with airline baggage fees.
- Boarding Passes & government issued ID’s are required at the security checkpoint.
- Carry-on baggage is limited to one (1) bag plus one (1) personal item such as a small purse, briefcase or laptop computer.
- Passengers should prepare for security screening and remember the TSA 3-1-1 rule: containers must be 3 ounces or less and be in a 1-quart clear plastic zipper-locking bag, with

only one bag per passenger, which must be put in a screening bin. Also remember not to wrap gifts that will be carried through the checkpoint. It's a good idea to check the TSA website at www.tsa.gov for the latest information.

- Passengers are encouraged to place all jewelry and valuables in a quart sized Ziploc bag for going through the screening process. The bag can be easily handled and you can place the jewelry back on after leaving the checkpoint area.
- All shoes must be removed for inspection at the screening checkpoints.
- No knives, scissors, blades or sharp objects are permitted beyond security. If you are unsure of an item, please place it in your checked baggage.
- Passengers should pack their patience – and be prepared. Anticipate the possibility of delays by stashing a book, any medicines that may be needed, extra diapers, food and small toys and games for babies and children in carry-on bags. Also be sure mobile devices are fully charged.

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