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San Diego International Airport Offers Tips for Holiday Travel Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

SAN DIEGO – November 18, 2020 – [San Diego International Airport](#) (SAN) wants those who will be traveling during the Thanksgiving holiday to be prepared before they arrive at the airport. SAN is offering the following travel tips to ensure a safe and seamless journey:

Preventative Health Actions:

All travelers should practice preventative health measures such as washing hands often, avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth, social distance at least 6 feet from others, cover coughs and sneezes, and monitor daily health by conducting a temperature check prior to arriving at the airport. The California Department of Public Health requires all individuals must wear a face covering while on airport property. Face coverings are available at airport information desks, concessionaires, and vending machines located in the terminals.

Travel Guidance:

The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) website](#) has information on how to safely travel during a pandemic. Travelers should have a clear understanding of state, local, and territorial governments travel restrictions, including testing requirements, stay-at-home orders, and quarantine requirements.

Flights:

Check with the airline for any special requirements or information prior to the trip. Airlines have implemented COVID-19 health and safety measures for check in, boarding, and while on the plane. Passengers should understand the expectations of the airline prior to arriving at the airport. A list of the airlines that serve SAN may be viewed at san.org/Flights/Airlines.

Security Checkpoints:

[Transportation Security Administration](#) (TSA) security checkpoints are open and all passengers are required to go through screening. We encourage travelers to leave ample time, preferably two hours, to get through security and to their gate. Travelers should review TSA's COVID-19 webpage at tsa.gov/coronavirus for information on what to expect and the health and safety measures they've implemented. Passengers may also find it helpful to read [this blog post](#) for information on what is permitted through the security checkpoint.

Parking:

The [Terminal 1 Parking Lot](#), [Terminal 2 Parking Lot on McCain Road](#), and [Terminal 2 Parking Plaza](#) are open. Parking reservations may be made in advance by visiting the airport's parking reservation webpage at reservations.san.org/SanDiegoBooking/.

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Please note the Cell Phone Lot is temporarily closed, as well as the Long Term Lot and Curbside Valet Terminal 1 and 2. As an alternative to parking in the Cell Phone Lot, terminal parking lots offer a 10-minute free grace period. Those lots include the Terminal 1 Parking Lot, Terminal 2 Parking Lot on McCain Road, and Terminal 2 Parking Plaza. Private vehicles are prohibited from parking in the rideshare lot, taxi hold lot or other airport roadways or entrances.

Ground Transportation:

Rental Car Center buses require social distancing and therefore are running at reduced capacity. Please plan ahead and leave ample time to accommodate longer shuttle wait times. The Trolley provides service to the terminals at Palm Street on the Rental Car Center shuttles. The MTS 992 bus is another public transportation option.

Rideshare companies, taxis, and other transportation modes have implemented their own health and safety measures. Travelers should review their policies so they can safely comply with any health and safety requirements.

There is no inter-terminal shuttle service during this time.

Concessions and Amenities:

Some shops and restaurants are open to provide travel necessities, meals, snacks, and more, however availability and hours may vary. Dining facilities are open and patrons must comply with social distancing requirements.

Let's Go Safely:

SAN has achieved [Airports Council International's](#) (ACI) [Airport Health Accreditation](#) for the health and safety modifications that have been implemented throughout the terminals, Rental Car Center, Parking Plaza, and Airport Authority administration building. These modifications include increased cleaning of high touch points, electrostatic spraying, signage on preventive health measures, floor decals and seat separation signage to queue six-foot social distance, hand sanitizer stations, Plexiglas sneeze guards in certain public spaces, and facial coverings required on all airport property. Travelers are encouraged to visit the airport's COVID-19 webpage, san.org/gosafely for up-to-date information on how to prepare for trips, what to expect, resources, and frequently asked questions.

ABOUT SAN DIEGO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (SAN)

San Diego International Airport (SAN) is the busiest single-runway commercial service airport in the U.S. and third busiest airport in California. In 2019, SAN welcomed 25 million passengers and offered nonstop flights to destinations worldwide. The airport is an economic driver for the region, contributing nearly \$12 billion in economic activity and supports nearly 116,600 jobs. With anticipated passenger growth in the future, the Airport Development Plan (ADP) is cautiously moving forward with plans to replace Terminal 1 with a larger, more modern facility and other improvements that enhance the airport experience. The airport is managed and operated by San Diego County Regional Airport Authority. For more information, please visit san.org.