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## BRADLEY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LOOKS FORWARD TO WELCOMING PASSENGERS DURING BUSY THANKSGIVING TRAVEL PERIOD

## Passengers Are Advised to Plan Ahead and Allow Extra Time

**WINDSOR LOCKS, CONNECTICUT** – **November 25, 2019** – Bradley International Airport will experience a very heavy travel period from November 25th until December 1<sup>st</sup> due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The busiest travel days will be Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday.

Kevin A. Dillon, A.A.E., Executive Director of the Connecticut Airport Authority, advises that Bradley International Airport passengers should be aware and plan accordingly.

"This is an exciting time of the year at Bradley International Airport. The Thanksgiving holiday marks one of our busiest travel periods and officially kicks off the busy holiday travel season. We thank our passengers for choosing Bradley for their holiday travel and we look forward to welcoming and assisting them with an enjoyable travel experience," said Dillon. "Due to the higher volume of activity, we are encouraging passengers to plan ahead and give themselves extra time for their journey through the airport."

Passengers traveling domestically are advised to allow themselves at least 90 minutes for checkin with their respective airlines and the TSA screening. Those traveling internationally should give themselves three hours.

Additionally, to help navigate the journey quickly and smoothly, passengers are encouraged to follow these tips during this peak travel period:

- Check and confirm the status of your flight with your airline prior to your departure for the airport.
- Check in online with the airline and bring a printed boarding pass to the airport.
- Visit <u>www.flybdl.org</u> to familiarize yourself with Bradley's parking options and terminal facilities. Garage and parking lot availability can now be viewed on the website.
- Speed up the screening process by reviewing the TSA screening guidelines ahead of time. For more information, visit <u>www.tsa.gov</u>.
- For up-to-date information about the status of your flight on the day of travel, please visit <u>www.flybdl.org</u>.

The Connecticut Airport Authority is also reminding passengers that the Route 20 roadway access to Bradley International Airport has changed and all inbound traffic is now entering the airport through the open modern roundabout.

Family and friends who are picking up passengers from Bradley International Airport during the Thanksgiving holiday week are encouraged to use the Cell Phone Waiting Lot located on Light Lane while waiting for the passenger (s) to arrive and retrieve any luggage. Parking in the Cell Phone Waiting lot is free.

### **About Bradley International Airport**

Bradley International Airport (BDL) welcomes nearly 7 million travelers each year, making it the second largest airport in New England. At Bradley International Airport, we want our passengers to "Love the Journey." We proudly offer nonstop access to 30+ popular destinations. Recent efforts to elevate the travel experience through terminal enhancements and new amenities have helped Bradley International Airport earn a spot in the prestigious ranking of five best airports in the U.S. by Condé Nast Traveler three years in a row. Bradley International Airport is operated by the Connecticut Airport Authority, and its operations are entirely self-funded. The airport contributes nearly \$2.6 billion to the regional economy. For more info, visit www.flybdl.org.

## About The Connecticut Airport Authority

The Connecticut Airport Authority was established in July 2011 to develop, improve and operate Bradley International Airport and the state's five general aviation airports (Danielson, Groton-New London, Hartford-Brainard, Waterbury-Oxford, and Windham airports). The board consists of 11 members with a broad spectrum of experience in aviation-related and other industries as well as government. The goal of the CAA is to make the CAA's airports more attractive to new routes, new commerce, and new companies who may be considering making Connecticut their home.