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Bradley International Airport Earns COVID-19 Health Accreditation from Airports Council International

More Reason to Feel Safe Traveling at BDL this Holiday Season and in the New Year

Windsor Locks, CT (December 22, 2020) — The Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA) is pleased to announce that Bradley International Airport has received the Airport Health Accreditation from Airports Council International (ACI) World. The organization's Airport Health Accreditation program evaluates new health and safety measures and procedures introduced at airports worldwide in response to COVID-19.

"Since the onset of the pandemic, we have taken significant measures to keep our passengers and the entire Bradley International Airport community safe," said Kevin A. Dillon, A.A.E., Executive Director of the CAA. "This global accreditation underscores our ongoing commitment to everyone's well-being and is a key endorsement of the safety protocols we have implemented airport-wide in conjunction with our business partners. Whether our passengers are traveling this holiday season or in the new year, we want them to know that we are doing everything we can to create a safe travel experience for them."

During the comprehensive accreditation process, ACI assesses the airport's response and safety measures in the context of the entire passenger journey, including terminal access, check-in areas, security screening, boarding gates, lounges, retail, food and beverages, gate equipment such as boarding bridges, escalators and elevators, border control areas and facilities, baggage claim area and arrivals exit.

Among other things, ACI recognizes Bradley International Airport for cleaning and disinfection, physical distancing (where feasible and practical), staff protection, physical layout modifications, passenger communications and passenger facility enhancements.

In addition to these safety measures, Bradley International Airport has also prioritized other initiatives to enhance the passenger journey:

- Contactless parking check-in/check-out availability (pre-registration required)
- Renovated restrooms with touchless faucets, hand dryers and light signals to indicate stall availability as well as added privacy and surfaces that promote more effective cleaning
- Terminal-wide air purification technology, which will be in place in early 2021
- Expanded mobile ordering in partnership with our restaurants, to be introduced in 2021

For more information about what to expect when traveling at Bradley International Airport, passengers can learn more at www.BDLcares.com

About Airports Council International

[Airports Council International \(ACI\)](#), the trade association of the world's airports, was founded in 1991 with the objective of fostering cooperation among its member airports and other partners in world aviation, including the International Civil Aviation Organization, the International Air Transport Association and the Civil Air Navigation Services Organization. In representing the best interests of airports during key phases of policy development, ACI makes a significant contribution toward ensuring a global air transport system that is safe, secure, customer-centric and environmentally sustainable. As of January 2020, ACI serves 668 members, operating 1979 airports in 176 countries.

About Bradley International Airport

Bradley International Airport (BDL) is the second-largest airport in New England. We want our passengers to “Love the Journey” at Bradley International Airport, and we proudly offer nonstop access to many popular destinations. Recent terminal enhancements and new amenities have enhanced the travel experience, and Condé Nast Traveler has recognized BDL within the top ten best U.S. airports for four consecutive years. Bradley International Airport is operated by the Connecticut Airport Authority, and its operations are entirely self-funded. The airport contributes nearly \$3.6 billion to the regional economy. For more info, visit www.flybdl.org.

About The Connecticut Airport Authority

The CAA was established in 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). The CAA 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 Connecticut's airports more attractive to new airlines, bring in new routes, and support Connecticut's overall economic development and growth strategy.

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