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The Holiday Travel Season is Ready for Takeoff at Bradley International Airport

Windsor Locks, CONN – November 16, 2023 – The Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA) anticipates a busy holiday season at Bradley International Airport, which kicks off with the start of travel for the Thanksgiving holiday.

At Bradley International Airport, the extended travel period surrounding Thanksgiving spans from November 17 to November 26, with the CAA anticipating more than 90,000 passengers traveling out of the airport over the ten days. The busiest days will be the Tuesday and Wednesday before Thanksgiving and the Saturday and Sunday after Thanksgiving. For those considering last-minute travel, Thanksgiving Day and the Tuesday after the holiday are expected to be the least busy days.

“We are ready to kick off a busy holiday season at Bradley International Airport,” said Kevin A. Dillon, A.A.E., Executive Director of the CAA. “Our entire team is committed to assisting passengers on their journey to visit family and friends or take their vacation. As always, this Thanksgiving, we are grateful to our loyal passengers for choosing Bradley International Airport for their holiday travel.”

For travel out of Bradley International Airport, passengers are encouraged to follow these tips:

Confirm Your Flight

Before arriving at the airport, confirm your flight with your airline and check in for your flight online.

Arrive Early

With more individuals traveling during a condensed timeframe, the airport will be busy. Passengers are strongly encouraged to arrive at the ticket counter at least 90 minutes prior to their flight’s departure. The airport’s peak hours are typically 4:00 AM – 7:30 AM and 3:00 PM – 5:30 PM.

Know Your Parking Options

Passengers are reminded that the airport's parking offering now has a new look and name, sPARK. There are several parking options within a short distance from the terminal and complimentary shuttle service is provided from the surface lots. Visit the airport's [website](#) ahead of your arrival for the latest information on parking options and follow directional signage at the airport to guide you to open lots.

Pack Smart

Have your credentials ready and pack properly to help speed up your TSA screening process. Information on prohibited items and how to prepare for the screening can be found on the TSA's [website](#) or by contacting the agency by phone or on social media.

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. This area allows those picking up to wait comfortably in their car until passengers arrive and retrieve any luggage. Parking in the Cell Phone Lot is free.

For additional information, passengers are encouraged to visit www.bradleyairport.com.

About Bradley International Airport

Bradley International Airport (BDL) is New England's second-largest airport. Recognized nationally by leading travel publications for its ease of travel, Bradley International Airport is ready to welcome you with new nonstops and expanded services. The award-winning 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.bradleyairport.com.

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. For more info, visit <https://ctairports.org/about/caa-ten-year-anniversary/>.

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