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Bradley International Airport Ending the Year on a High Travel Note

More than 110,000 passengers expected to travel out of the airport during tail end of the holiday season

Windsor Locks, CONN – December 20, 2023 – The Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA) is looking ahead to a busy period of holiday travel at Bradley International Airport.

Between Dec. 20 and 31, the CAA is anticipating that more than 110,000 passengers will travel out of the airport. The busiest travel times will be between 4 am – 7 am.

“The month of December is really capping off what’s been a busy year of travel for us,” said Kevin A. Dillon, A.A.E., Executive Director of the CAA. “Bradley International Airport now offers more nonstop flights than prior to the pandemic and over the course of the year we have made significant progress in enhancing the travel experience at the airport.”

To navigate the journey quickly and smoothly, passengers are encouraged to follow these tips:

Give yourself the gift of time

During this busy travel period plan to arrive inside the airport’s terminal at least 90 minutes before your flight. This will ensure you have enough time for check-in with your airline, going through TSA screening and getting to your gate.

Be in the know while on the go

Passengers are encouraged to stay in contact with their airline. One of the ways to do so is by downloading their airline’s app. Not only can you check in and get your boarding pass through the app, but you will also get real-time alerts about any flight changes. Some airlines also offer free onboard entertainment through their apps.

Park like a pro

Be sure to check your parking options before you head to the airport. BDL’s new parking system is called BDL sPARK and offers several convenient options a short distance from the main terminal with complimentary shuttle service available. No reservation is needed and prices start at \$7/day. [Visit BDL’s parking website](#) for additional details.

Check your packing list, twice

'Tis the season to wrap gifts for family and friends. While wrapped gifts can be placed in your carry on or checked bag, the gift may need to be inspected by the TSA. The TSA advises travelers to place items in gift bags instead of wrapping them once they get to their destination. For additional information on TSA screening , including guidelines for liquids, please visit the [TSA website](#).

Order your airport meal online

Take your planning to the next level and skip the wait at the airport. Mobile food ordering at BDL is simple and does not require the download of an app. To browse menus, order, and pay, simply log on to www.BDLMarket.com or scan one of the many QR codes on display throughout the airport. Once an order is placed, you'll receive updates on your mobile device, letting you know when your order is ready for pick-up.

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

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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/>.