



Las Vegas # McCarran International Airport

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McCarran Airport Closed; Air Carrier Operations Throughout U.S. Remain Suspended Indefinitely

Deputy Director of Aviation Rosemary A. Vassiliadis is advising all travelers not to travel to the airport at this hour.

As of 12:40 PM PST, air carrier operations throughout the United States remain suspended indefinitely. McCarran International Airport is closed. The facility will remain closed to the public until such time as air carrier operations resume.

Travelers are advised to keep in contact with airline customer service offices for status information regarding each individual flight. When the President re-opens U.S. airspace, air carriers will **not** immediately resume full schedules. Diverted flights across the nation will be given priority by the airlines and Federal Aviation Administration, and others will be added as the national aviation system is brought back on line.

"We are working with all our air carriers as well as the FAA and law enforcement agencies to ensure that travelers in Las Vegas are accommodated as expeditiously as possible," said Vassiliadis. "However, everyone should keep in mind that our situation is mirrored at airports across the nation, as we work together through this national crisis. It is critical that all travelers remain patient and keep in constant contact with their airline for the latest information."

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