



Las Vegas # McCarran International Airport

NEWS RELEASE

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McCARRAN AIRPORT OPEN; FLIGHTS RESUME ON LIMITED BASIS

Passengers Advised to Call Airline Before Coming to the Airport

- McCarran Airport is currently open, having been certified by the FAA to be in compliance with all current security directives.
- The FAA Air Traffic Control system is now releasing flights on a case-by-case basis. Our local airline operators anticipate that it may take several days to resume full flight schedules.
- We are advising all travelers to continue to contact their airline customer service number for the latest information on specific flights **before coming to the airport**.
- We have the following information to report from some of our local airline offices regarding schedules:

The following airlines have **canceled all scheduled flights for today – Thursday, September 13: Southwest, Continental, American Trans Air**

Southwest is planning to resume service at 9 AM Pacific Time on Friday, September 14. Initial schedules may be limited – Passengers should call the airline for confirmation before coming to the airport.

Continental anticipates operating a limited schedule on Friday, September 14, estimating that about half of its Las Vegas departures will occur. Passengers should call the airline for confirmation before coming to the airport.

America West is currently flying a reduced schedule, and advises passengers to contact their reservation center for information about specific flights.

Alaska Airlines has resumed limited service and would like passengers to know specifically that their **5:30 PM departure to Seattle** will be operating. Call for further details on other flights.

Allegiant Airlines is at this point operating its regular schedule.

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Additional information from the FAA:

- General Aviation activity (including flights at Henderson Executive Airport and North Las Vegas Airport) is grounded for today with the exception of some authorized emergency flights.
- Grand Canyon tour flights considered “air taxis” / commercial carriers, and may operate with clearance from the FAA, determined on a case-by-case basis.
- **Once passengers receive confirmation from their airline that their flight is departing, they can anticipate additional security procedures at the airport. They should allow additional time.**
 - **No curb-side or off-airport check in: all passengers checking baggage must proceed to the ticket counter.**
 - **Travelers MUST bring photo identification and any documentation related to their flight – printed ticket, e-ticket receipt, printed itinerary etc. Upon arrival at the airport, passengers should consult the information displays to determine whether they need to proceed to the ticket counter or the security checkpoint.**
 - **Parents of unaccompanied minors, caregivers for disabled passengers and interpreters/guides for tour groups must check in at the ticket counter to receive documented authorization to proceed through the security checkpoint.**
 - **As much as possible, to accommodate security protocols, please limit airport access to actual travelers. Please limit friends & family and greeters.**