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### Thanksgiving 2020 Travel Tips from McCarran Airport

#### **Traveling During the COVID-19 Pandemic**

Thanksgiving travel will be a different experience this year, and for many it will be their first time flying during the COVID-19 pandemic. While McCarran International Airport is taking steps to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and provide a safer travel environment for all, the most important precautions are those passengers can take individually to ensure a healthy experience for themselves and others.

#### **Be Prepared**

Those traveling should keep the following in mind before arriving at the airport:

- Per the Governor of Nevada, face coverings are mandatory at the airport. Passengers must wear a mask, or other appropriate face covering, that covers their nose and mouth at all times.
- It is crucial for passengers to educate themselves about the rules and regulations of the airports, states and cities they will be traveling to/from. Be aware of the latest advisories, mask mandates, testing requirements and quarantine orders that apply at each point of your journey.
- Passengers should also be aware of the COVID-19 policies of their airline, such as acceptable types of face coverings and whether the middle seat is being blocked.
- Airport food and beverage offerings are currently limited, which could cause longer-than-anticipated waits.
   Travelers should take this into consideration when deciding how early to get to the airport and whether to bring their own food. For concessions availability, hours and locations, visit <a href="www.mccarran.com">www.mccarran.com</a>.
- Services such as elevators, trams and shuttles might require longer wait times in order to adhere to social distancing recommendations.

#### **Travel Safe and Smart**

- Utilize options such as online check-in, mobile boarding passes and self-serve kiosks to limit person-to-person contact. Keep your distance whenever and wherever you can. Even though the airport has a variety of reminders and floor markers, there will be times when maintaining a six-foot distance may not be possible. Each individual is ultimately responsible for staying a safe distance from others. If a tram is full, wait for the next one.
- Washing your hands with soap and water, or using hand sanitizer, is an important action that can prevent the
  spread of the virus. Travelers will find hand sanitizer dispensers at multiple locations throughout the airport, but
  it's best to bring your own. The TSA is allowing each passenger up to 12 ounces of hand sanitizer in their carry-on
  bags. Visit <a href="www.tsa.gov">www.tsa.gov</a> to learn more about the TSA's COVID-19 measures and what items are allowed through
  the security checkpoint.
- In order to minimize the number of people in airport facilities, only ticketed passengers should enter the terminals. If you are being picked up from the airport, coordinate with your ride to meet at Passenger Pickup. When you are being dropped off, say your goodbyes at the departures curb.

#### There are many parking options, but allow ample time to find a space

- Due to consolidated parking operations, certain public parking facilities will reach capacity over the holidays.
- Valet parking is only available at Terminal 1.
- Those who plan to use the Economy Lot at Terminal 1 should set aside at least 30 additional minutes for the shuttle ride to the terminal. Following best practices for social distancing, the capacity of each shuttle has been reduced which could lead to longer waits.
- For parking locations and prices, visit <a href="www.McCarran.com/Parking">www.McCarran.com/Parking</a>. For 24-hour parking information, including live updates on space availability, call (702) 261-5122.