

## ORLANDO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY PLAN

Orlando International Airport has prepared this Emergency Contingency Plan pursuant to §42301 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012. Questions regarding this plan can be directed to Marquez Griffin at [mgriffin@goaa.org](mailto:mgriffin@goaa.org). Orlando International Airport has filed this plan with the Department of Transportation because (1) it is a commercial airport and (2) this airport may be used by an air carrier described in USC 42301 (a)(1) for diversions.

This plan describes how, following excessive tarmac delays and to the extent practicable, Orlando International Airport will:

- Provide for the deplanement of passengers;
- Provide for the sharing of facilities and make gates available at the airport; and
- Provide a sterile area following excessive tarmac delays for passengers who have not yet cleared United States Customs & Border Protection (CBP).

During diversion events Orlando International Airport may issue NOTAMs regarding its ability to accommodate diverted flights to ensure the safe and efficient operation of the airport and its ability to serve the civil aviation needs of the public during irregular operations events.

### **Airport Information**

**Name of Airport:** Orlando International Airport / MCO

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Airport Category: Large Hub Airport

### **Contact Information**

Orlando International Airport strongly encourages air carriers and aircraft operators to contact the airport for prior coordination of diverted flights, except in the case of declared in-flight emergencies.

In the event of diversion or other irregular operations events, air carriers and/or aircraft operators shall contact the Orlando International Airport's Airport Operations Center at (407)825-3840 for assistance.

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### **Plan to Provide for the Deplanement of Passengers Following Excessive Tarmac Delays**

Orlando International Airport does not own or operate any of the equipment needed to safely deplane passengers from air carrier aircraft and is, therefore, unable on its own to provide for the deplanement of passengers.

Additionally, airport personnel are not trained to assist in the deplanement of passengers using equipment owned or operated by air carriers or contract service providers.

Orlando International Airport's Airport Operations Center (AOC) will provide a list of airlines, ground handlers, Fixed Base Operators, and others who may have the necessary equipment and personnel to safely deplane passengers to airlines as soon as practicable after receiving requests from such airlines experiencing excessive tarmac delays at the contact number listed above.

### **Plan to Provide for the Sharing of Facilities and Making Gates Available in an Emergency**

As of this revision of this plan (November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025), 20 gates at Orlando International Airport are under common use leases to air carriers and are controlled and assigned by the airport.

Additionally, 73 gates are Committed Premises, preferentially assigned to an airline pursuant to a Letter of Authorization.

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As of this revision of the plan (November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025), Orlando International Airport manages a total of 108 gates, with the ability to park up to 113 narrow-body aircraft across its facilities. Airlines have annual access to 84 gates through common use agreements. All gates are controlled by the AOC and assigned by the airport to optimize operational efficiency and flexibility

Orlando International Airport will direct our common use tenant air carrier gate lessees, permittees, or users to make gates available to an air carrier seeking to deplane at a gate, to the maximum extent practicable.

If additional gates are needed, Orlando International Airport will allocate available gates and other facilities to accommodate air carriers seeking to deplane, provided those gates are not actively in use or scheduled for use by the tenant airline. As a common use airport, gate assignments are flexible and may be reassigned across the airport to maximize operational efficiency and meet demand.

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### **Plan to Provide a Sterile Area for Passengers Who Have Not Cleared United States Customs and Border Protection**

Orlando International Airport has defined sterile areas capable of accommodating limited numbers of international passengers.

Orlando International Airport will coordinate with local CBP officials to develop procedures that will allow international passengers who have not yet cleared United States Customs and Border Protection to be deplaned into these sterile areas to the extent practicable.

### **Public Access to the Emergency Contingency Plan**

Orlando International Airport will provide public access to this emergency contingency plan through one or more of the following means:

- Posting in a conspicuous location on the airport website ([www.flymco.com](http://www.flymco.com))
- Providing notice of the availability of the plan on the airport's social media accounts.
- Posting signs in conspicuous locations in the terminals.
- Advertising the availability of the plan in local newspapers of record.