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Bradley International Airport Makes Enhancements to COVID-19 Testing Site in Response to High Demand for Testing

Windsor Locks – October 20, 2020 - The Connecticut Airport Authority is pleased to announce enhancements have been made to the on-airport testing program in response to strong interest from the traveling public.

As the travel industry navigates the complexity surrounding COVID-19, the Connecticut Airport Authority has taken strong, proactive measures to ensure the continued well-being of passengers at Bradley International Airport. This includes the introduction of a COVID-19 testing site, which was opened in late September to further enhance safety and convenience.

Since the Bradley Airport announcement, airport COVID-19 testing sites have started opening across the country and airports are continuously evolving to better understand the demand for such services as travel continues to fluctuate nationwide.

In the weeks since opening the COVID-19 testing site at Bradley International Airport, the following additional steps have recently been taken to enhance the service:

- The testing location has been expanded to enhance privacy and improve passenger flow.
- Additional staff have been hired by Genesys Diagnostics to respond to the heavy demand and to decrease wait times during peak periods.
- Genesys Diagnostics has unveiled a new, automated registration and notification process. This system will allow passengers to seamlessly register and receive results in one convenient portal.

Due to the heavy demand, test results will now be typically available within 72 hours of testing. As is common with other labs across the state and nation, test result timeframes can vary based upon demand. There is no guarantee on timing of results.

Since the launch of the service on September 30, approximately 4,000 individuals have taken advantage of these services at Bradley International Airport.

While pre-registration is not required, passengers wishing to use the service are strongly encouraged to do so by visiting www.gdilabs.com

Passengers are encouraged to check their health insurance to confirm coverage associated with COVID-19 testing. Those not utilizing insurance may opt to self-pay, and tests are available for \$125 each.

More information about the COVID-19 testing site, is also available at www.BDLcares.com.

The Connecticut Airport Authority may announce details regarding an additional drive-thru testing site in one of the airport parking lots in the near future. This mobile site will be available to airport passengers, as well as members of the general public.

About Bradley International Airport

Bradley International Airport (BDL) is the second-largest airport in New England. We want our passengers to “Love the Journey” at Bradley International Airport, and we proudly offer nonstop access to many popular destinations. Recent terminal enhancements and new amenities have enhanced the travel experience, and Condé Nast Traveler has recognized BDL within the top ten best U.S. airports for four consecutive years. Bradley International 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.flybdl.org.

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.

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