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Bradley International Airport Opens 7-day COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic

Windsor Locks, CT – June 18, 2021 – The Connecticut Airport Authority, in partnership with the Connecticut Department of Public Health and Griffin Health, is pleased to announce the opening of a temporary COVID-19 vaccination clinic at Bradley International Airport.

Starting today, vaccinations will be available at no cost to passengers and the airport employee, volunteer and visitor community. The clinic is located in a dedicated space in the airport's baggage claim and will operate 11 AM – 7 PM daily until June 25th. The expansion of the pilot program will be evaluated and considered based on demand.

"We are pleased to make vaccinations easily accessible at Bradley International Airport," said Kevin A. Dillon, A.A.E., Executive Director of the Connecticut Airport Authority. "The new, temporary vaccination clinic reinforces our ongoing commitment to safety, while also providing an added convenience to our passengers and the entire airport community. We thank the Department of Public Health and Griffin Health for their partnership in this important initiative."

"Connecticut has been a national leader in vaccinations, but there is still more to be done to ensure that our residents are protected from this deadly virus. That is why partnerships like this, with the Connecticut Airport Authority and Griffin Health, are so critical to our work in turning the page on this virus and returning to a sense of normalcy," said Acting DPH Commissioner Deidre S. Gifford, MD, MPH. "This summer is already looking much brighter than the last, and this clinic provides a convenient option for Connecticut travelers to receive the vaccine and head into this season knowing they are protected and able to safely enjoy all it has to offer."

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Medical staff from Griffin Health will staff the clinic and will administer either the Johnson & Johnson or the Pfizer vaccine based on the recipient's preference.

"Griffin Health is pleased to partner with Bradley International Airport and the Connecticut Department of Public Health in providing free COVID-19 vaccinations. Our commitment to improve the health and wellbeing of our community and state is what fuels Griffin's aggressive vaccination effort that consists of numerous community based clinics, mobile vaccination teams, and mass vaccination sites intended to make vaccination highly accessible across Connecticut," said Patrick Charmel, President and CEO of Griffin Health. "We are grateful for the opportunity to work with Bradley and the CT DPH in protecting travelers upon their return home, as we begin to safely reunite with friends, family, and colleagues across the country and around the world."

Vaccines will be available on a walk-up basis and no appointments are necessary. The single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine is available to anyone 18 years of age or older. Individuals eligible for the Pfizer vaccine include anyone 12 years of age or older; minors have to be accompanied by a parent or guardian to receive the vaccine. The Pfizer vaccine requires a second dose after 21 days and Griffin Health staff will provide information and instructions for the scheduling of the second dose.

The addition of the temporary vaccination clinic builds on the airport's already robust safety program. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Bradley International Airport was one of the first airports to introduce a face covering requirement, voluntary on-site COVID-19 testing, and receive airport health accreditation from Airports Council International (ACI) World.

About Bradley International Airport

Bradley International Airport (BDL) invites you to "Journey On" and once again experience the convenience of travelling at New England's second-largest airport. Recognized nationally by leading travel publications for its ease of travel, Bradley International Airport is ready to welcome you with new nonstops, expanded services and accredited COVID-19 safety measures. The award-winning 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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