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## **Start of the busy summer season: What travelers need to know when planning their vacation through Bradley International Airport**

**Windsor Locks, CONN – June 25, 2024** – The Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA) is looking ahead to what is expected to be a busy summer season for air travel across the US. In summer 2023, Bradley International Airport (BDL) saw approximately 1.6 million passengers travel through the airport during June, July and August. For summer 2024, based on national predictions, the number of travelers is expected to be on par with 2023 or higher.

As passengers plan their vacations and take to the skies in the coming weeks and months, here is what they can expect:

### **New and Returning Destinations**

Just in time for summer, BDL is seeing the addition of new routes and the return of other nonstop flights.

Breeze Airways is now offering new, nonstop service to the following destinations from BDL:

- Cincinnati, OH
- Greenville-Spartanburg, SC
- Myrtle Beach, SC
- New Bern, NC
- Orlando, FL

The following nonstop routes have returned to BDL and are operating during the summer months:

- Los Angeles, CA (JetBlue)
- Minneapolis, MN (Sun Country)
- Myrtle Beach, SC (Spirit)
- Denver, CO (Southwest)

These flights are part of the more than 40 nonstop destinations on 11 different airlines at BDL.

### **New Concierge Service**

The Connecticut Airport Authority, in partnership with Travelers Aid International, is launching a new concierge service for passengers at Bradley International Airport. Starting July 1, a concierge

team member can be booked to meet and greet passenger(s) upon their arrival at the airport and assist in the following areas:

- Checking in at the airline ticket counter
- Going through the TSA security checkpoint via priority access
- Accompanying the passenger(s) directly to their gate
- Delivering food directly to the gate through BDL Market
- Retrieving checked bags
- Assisting to/from parking, pick up or car rental

The concierge service is ideal for older adults who may be traveling alone and need assistance, families with children, first-time fliers, anyone with special needs or individuals who just want an extra helping hand on their journey through the airport.

Advanced reservations are required. For additional information, visit [www.bradleyairport.com/concierge](http://www.bradleyairport.com/concierge)

### **New TSA PreCheck Location**

All TSA PreCheck lanes have been relocated from the main TSA security checkpoint to the secondary checkpoint located between the United Airlines ticket counter and the hallway to the Sheraton Hotel. This secondary location is dedicated for passengers enrolled in TSA PreCheck and those who have both TSA PreCheck and CLEAR.

### **New and Improved Concession Options**

This summer, passengers will have one more dining option to choose from with the recent opening of Beercode Kitchen & Bar. The new restaurant is located in the gates 21-30 concourse. The airport has more than 15 locations inside the main terminal where passengers can enjoy food and beverages. In addition to dining, there are more than ten retail locations and kiosks for shopping and travel necessities. Several concessions have also gone through recent remodels – now showcasing new names, looks and merchandise.

### **Fly Local and Avoid Traffic Delays**

Passengers considering other airports in the northeast for their travel needs this summer are advised that ongoing construction projects could lead to traffic delays and longer travel times – and here's why:

**Boston's Logan Airport:** The Sumner Tunnel, which takes drivers from Logan Airport, will be closed seven days a week during much of the summer due to construction. During that time, detours will be in place.

**New York's JFK Airport:** JFK Airport is currently in the middle of a major renovation project, which could potentially cause delays due to detours and shifts in traffic patterns.

For more information on Bradley International Airport's nonstops, concessions, amenities and travel tips, visit [www.bradleyairport.com](http://www.bradleyairport.com)

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### **About Bradley International Airport**

Bradley International Airport (BDL) is 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 and expanded services. 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.bradleyairport.com](http://www.bradleyairport.com).

### **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. For more info, visit <https://ctairports.org/about/caa-ten-year-anniversary/>.

