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Bradley International Airport Prepares for Another Busy Thanksgiving Travel Period

Windsor Locks, CONN – Nov. 21, 2024 – The Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA) is anticipating a busy holiday season at Bradley International Airport (BDL), which will kick off this week ahead of the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday.

The Thanksgiving travel period at BDL begins on Friday, November 22 and goes until Sunday, December 1. The CAA anticipates more than 95,000 passengers will depart from BDL over the 10-day timeframe. This year, the busiest days for air travel are expected to be the Saturday and Sunday before and after Thanksgiving.

“We are looking ahead to the start of what is expected to be another busy holiday season for air travel,” said Kevin A. Dillon, A.A.E., Executive Director of the CAA. “The airport is well prepared to handle the upcoming influx of travelers and is working to ensure that everyone has a smooth journey through Bradley International Airport.”

Here are some important travel tips and information for anyone traveling out of Bradley International Airport:

Arrive with time to spare

It is recommended that passengers arrive inside BDL’s main terminal at least 90 minutes prior to their flight’s departure. BDL’s peak hours are typically 4:00am to 7:30am when upwards of 25 flights depart in the span of just a few hours. The 3:00pm to 5:30pm timeframe is also another busy period of time at BDL.

Stay connected with your airline

Download your airline’s app prior to travel so you can check in and also confirm the status of your flight before departure. Most airlines will also send updates and notifications through the app, letting travelers know about any potential schedule changes.

Know the TSA guidelines

Going through the TSA security checkpoint is a must before boarding your flight. Travelers are encouraged to visit the TSA [website](#) to learn what they can and cannot bring in their carry-on bag. Packing appropriately will help save time going through security since bags with prohibited items will need to be inspected or searched.

Don't forget about parking

Knowing exactly where to park your vehicle once you arrive at BDL can help save time. Bradley Airport's parking system, BDL sPARK, offers travelers access to several nearby lots and the airport's parking garage. Rates start as low as \$7/day, which includes taxes and fees. No reservation is required. Visit the BDL sPARK [website](#) to see rates and availability.

Need extra assistance through BDL?

BDL's new concierge service, in partnership with Travelers Aid International, offers travelers a custom-tailored service during their journey through the airport. A concierge associate will meet travelers curbside, help with check in, getting through security and down to the gate. The service is beneficial for older adults traveling alone, families with children, or anyone with special travel needs. Visit BDL's Concierge Service [website](#) for additional details and pricing information.

Picking someone up at BDL?

If you are picking someone up at BDL, take advantage of our free cell phone waiting lot. This parking lot, located along Light Lane just minutes from the terminal, allows you to wait in the comfort of your vehicle until your arriving passenger is ready to be picked up curbside.

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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.

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 www.ctairports.org

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