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Bradley International Airport Preparing For Busy April Vacation Travel Period

Windsor Locks, CONN – April 8, 2025 – The Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA) is once again gearing up for spring break travel at Bradley International Airport (BDL).

Between April 8 and 19, it is estimated more than 139,000 passengers will take to the skies from the airport.

“We look forward to welcoming thousands of passengers at Bradley International Airport over the next few weeks,” said Michael W. Shea, Executive Director & CEO of the CAA. “This is also our first spring break where passengers will get to experience all of our recently completed terminal enhancements – designed to bring ease and more convenience for those departing and arriving from the airport.”

Here are important travel tips for passengers to keep in mind before they come to the airport for their flight:

Arrive Early

It is recommended that passengers be in the terminal at least 90 minutes prior to their flight to allow time for check-in and getting through the TSA security checkpoint. The busiest times at BDL are often between 4-7am due to the number of flights departing in the span of a few hours, and then again in the mid to late afternoon.

Know Where to Park

Passengers can check parking availability before arriving at the airport by visiting the airport’s [website](#). Due to an increase in passenger volume, parking availability may be at or near capacity at certain times throughout the day. Follow directional signage and allow extra time to park or seek alternative parking options on Schoephoester Road or Route 20 & 75 if necessary.

Pack Appropriately

Passengers are reminded to organize their carry-on bags and checked baggage to ensure they comply with all Transportation Security Administration (TSA) guidelines. Visit the TSA [website](#) for additional details and to learn which items are allowed and which ones are prohibited.

Take Advantage of Family Friendly Amenities

For families traveling with children, there are now two nursing rooms for mothers. One is located near CT River Landing and the other in the new gates 18-20 concourse. There are also family restrooms located throughout the terminal for added convenience, in addition to water bottle refill stations.

BDL now offers nonstop flights to more than 40 destinations on 9 different passenger airlines. The airport has also unveiled several expansion and enhancement projects that now offer passengers easier check-in at the airline ticket counters, additional queuing space at the main security checkpoint, faster access to baggage claim, rental cars and ground transportation, smoother navigation inside the parking garage, and a better lounge experience.

More information about nonstops, services and concessions can be found at bradleyairport.com.

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About Bradley International Airport

Bradley International Airport (BDL) is the largest airport in Connecticut and the second largest in New England. Recognized nationally by leading travel publications for its ease of travel, BDL currently offers nonstop flights to more than 40 destinations on 9 different airlines. BDL also offers a range of services for the inclusiveness of all travelers and boasts award-winning concessions. BDL 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 information, 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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