



Travel Advisory

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CHICAGO AIRPORT SYSTEM WELCOMES SPRING BREAK TRAVELERS

CHICAGO – As the busy spring travel season approaches, the Chicago Department of Aviation reminds passengers to consider all aspects of traveling through O'Hare and Midway International Airports. They include traffic conditions to and from the airport, parking lot capacity, check-in procedures and security screening.

The Department of Aviation offers the following tips to help ensure a smooth travel experience during the spring travel period:

Have a parking plan before heading to the airport

The Department of Aviation reminds travelers that the main parking garage at O'Hare often reaches capacity on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. During these times, motorists are directed to park in the airport's economy parking lots and take the Airport Transit System (ATS) to the terminals.

Real-time parking information and current parking rates for O'Hare and Midway are available on the Department's website, www.flychicago.com. Passengers can register to receive parking information e-mail alerts on the days they plan to travel. Once en route, motorists can tune to "ParkNet" (1630 AM) on the radio when they are within 2.5 miles of either airport to receive current parking lot status reports.

Use the cell phone parking lots

Cell phone parking lots located at O'Hare and Midway allow motorists to temporarily park free of charge until friends, family members or business associates call to be picked up curbside. The O'Hare lot is located at Economy Parking Lot F and the Midway lot is located at 61st Street and Cicero Avenue, just south of the main airport entrance.

Remember 3-1-1

If you plan to travel with liquids, gels or aerosols in your carry-on bag remember the 3-1-1 rule: three-ounce or smaller containers which must be in a single, quart-size, zip-top, clear plastic bag and placed in the security bin. Only one zip-top bag is permitted per traveler. The Department of Aviation will provide complimentary zip-top bags and "footies" to travelers from dispensers located at the entrances of security checkpoints through the Easter holiday.

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The Chicago Airport System is self-supporting, using no local or state tax dollars for operations or capital improvements at O'Hare and Midway International airports. Together, Chicago's airports generate more than \$45 billion in annual economic activity and create 540,000 jobs for the region. Please visit www.flychicago.com to learn more about the Chicago Airport System.

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