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Alexandria International Airport Provides Holiday Travel Tips

ALEXANDRIA, La. (November 17, 2025) – Following the Federal Aviation Administration's lifting of U.S. government shutdown-related commercial flight restrictions, airports around the country are preparing for a record holiday travel season. Alexandria International Airport (AEX) issues important tips for a smoother holiday travel experience.

Holiday Air Travel Tips:

- 1. Book Strategically Book flights with earlier departure times for statistically better on-time performance. Consider flying on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, or New Year's Day for potential cost savings and less crowded airports.
- 2. Check Flight Status Visit your airline's app or website and subscribe to their push notifications to receive real-time updates on flight status.
- 3. Arrive Early Arrive at AEX 1.5-2 hours prior to your scheduled flight to allow sufficient time for parking, check-in, and security screening. Airline ticket counters stop accepting checked bags 45 minutes prior to departure at many airports, including AEX.
- 4. Account for En Route Delays In the event of heavier-than-normal traffic, road construction, or inclement weather, allow for additional time traveling to the airport.
- 5. Pack Essentials Pack necessary items, such as medications and device chargers, in your carry-on luggage in case of unexpected delays. Review the Transportation Security Administration's "What Can I Bring?" webpage to facilitate the screening process.
- 6. Connect on Social Media Follow the social media accounts of your airlines and England Airpark/AEX for additional updates on operations.

"While holiday travel can be stressful, there are several commonsense ways to optimize your experience, such as by planning ahead," states Ralph Hennessy, Executive Director of England Airpark and Alexandria International Airport. "Packing wisely, following flight status updates from your airline, and accounting for potential disruptions can save time and provide peace of mind. AEX is fully prepared for the upcoming holiday travel season and looks forward to serving all our passengers."

About England Airpark

The England Economic and Industrial Development District is an independent political subdivision of the State of Louisiana. England Airpark encompasses approximately 4,000 acres and includes Alexandria International Airport (AEX). As a mixed-use development offering convenient connectivity through air, interstate highway, rail, and port access, the Airpark features more than 300 residential units and 1.5 million square feet of commercial space, supporting aviation, transportation, manufacturing, education, and engineering sectors. Learn more at www.englandairpark.org.

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