



MEMNotes

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Fourth of July travel weekend passenger numbers soar at MEM

Over the 4th of July holiday travel weekend from July 1-6, 39,644 passengers passed through the TSA checkpoint. These passenger numbers are only a stone's throw away from 2019's numbers from the same period of 39,898.

Now that the summer travel season is in full swing, these near-2019 passenger numbers are expected to continue through fall. MEM continues to recover at about 10% faster rate than the national average.

travel:

- MEM recommends that travelers arrive at the airport at least **TWO HOURS before their departure time**. The busiest period for passengers is between 4-8 am.
- Passengers should check with their airlines to monitor schedules.
- In order to expedite security screening time, passengers should review the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA's) [list of prohibited items](#).
- Firearms in carry-on bags are prohibited by federal law. Check your bags before you arrive at the airport.



Frontier Airlines announces nonstop Memphis-Las Vegas service

Service will run two times weekly beginning August 12

Frontier Airlines has announced that it will begin nonstop flights between Memphis International Airport (MEM) and Las Vegas McCarran International Airport (LAS) starting August 12. The service will run twice weekly, on Thursday and Sunday. The airline will utilize a 186-seat Airbus 320 aircraft for the flight.

Tickets are now on sale at www.flyfrontier.com. Frontier previously offered Memphis-Las Vegas service from August 2017 until January 2019. Las Vegas will become Frontier's third Memphis route, joining Denver and Orlando.

"We at MEM are excited to add another option to a destination as popular as Las Vegas," said Pace Cooper, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority. "Frontier's expansion of its Memphis service is a clear

"We're excited to announce new nonstop flights from Memphis International Airport to Las Vegas beginning this August, joining Frontier's nonstop service from MEM to Denver and Orlando," said Tyri Squyres, vice president of marketing, Frontier Airlines. "Frontier is focused on 'Low Fares Done Right' and this new service will provide an affordable and convenient option for local residents to visit one of the top entertainment destinations in the world."

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Airport Authority promotes Michael Fulton to Director of Government Affairs and Business Diversity Development

Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority (MSCAA) has promoted Michael Fulton to the position of Director of Government Affairs and Business Diversity Development.

In his new role, Fulton is responsible for the overall leadership of MSCAA's Business Diversity Development (BDD) functions, which are designed to increase opportunities for minority-owned, woman-owned, and local small businesses. Fulton is also responsible for managing the governmental affairs functions for the airport, maintaining relationships with government officials or their key staff and providing oversight of local, state and federal initiatives. He will report to MSCAA President and CEO Scott Brockman and his promotion was effective on July 1, 2021. Fulton joined MSCAA in June 2017 as Government Affairs Director.

expertise to lead our government affairs and BDD initiatives, which are essential to fueling local economic growth.”

Fulton has more than 14 years of experience in government and government affairs, including serving as Senior Legislative Assistant for U.S. Congressman Steve Cohen. As the Congressman’s primary advisor on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee work, Fulton provided strategic guidance on aviation, highway, transit and rail policy.

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COVID-19 vaccine doses bound for Columbia fly out of Memphis International Airport

Crew members from the Colombian Air Force landed at MEM on Wednesday, June 30, to pick up 2.5 million COVID-19 vaccine doses bound for Bogota, Columbia.

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a part of the 80 million vaccines the Administration pledged to share by the end of June.

"The airport is a nexus of global activity. This event further illustrated that," Memphis International Airport Director of Communications Glen Thomas said.

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A crew on the ground Wednesday said a Colombian military jet landed in Memphis to pick up the vaccine.

When the Johnson and Johnson doses arrived back in the South American country, Colombian President Ivan Duque Marquez was there to greet the pilots.

Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris praised the Biden Administration's plan for global vaccine access.

"We must improve access to the vaccine globally for us to truly beat this virus. President Biden recognizes that and should be applauded for the efforts to get more people around the world vaccinated against COVID-19. This shipment to Colombia represents that commitment. We are proud that Memphians, and the Memphis International Airport, have once again served as the tip of the spear in the fight to end the pandemic," Harris said.

Memphis Mayor Jim Strickland echoed similar sentiments in his statement.

"I'm extremely proud of the role our airport has been able to play during one the most important times in our history," Strickland said.

Eyes have been on Memphis International Airport since the start of vaccine distribution as the country's first vaccines rolled out of the FedEx's World Hub in December, and as early as two weeks ago FedEx announced the successful delivery of over a million vaccine doses to Mexico.

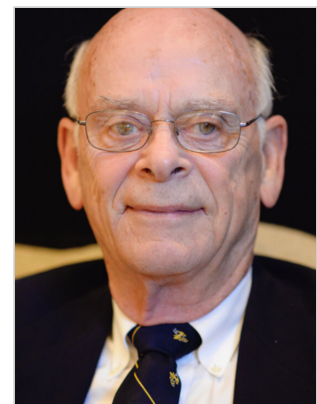
"We saw that responsibility increase with our tenants here in terms of that vaccine distribution," Thomas said. "Having that sort of global impact certainly brings us a lot of pride."



MSCAA mourns the passing of former board member George Cates

George Cates, a well-known member of the Memphis community and a member of the MSCAA Board of Commissioners from February 1972 through July 1981, died in a single-engine plane crash on the morning of Monday, June 21, 2021. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) confirmed that Cates' plane had departed MEM yesterday morning and crashed near Mercer, TN. The FAA and National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) are investigating.

Cates, who most recently was the CEO of Mid-America Apartment Communities, Inc., also served on boards for organizations such as Memphis Light Gas & Water, Community Foundation of Greater Memphis, the Memphis Symphony, and the Memphis Rotary Club.



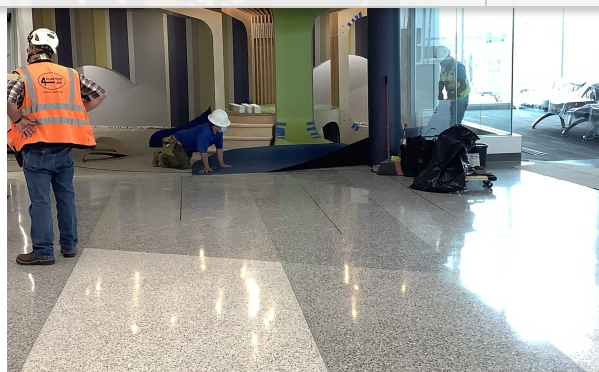


Reinvented B Concourse Begins to Take Shape

Work continued to progress on the [modernized B Concourse](#), which is currently targeted to open this fall. Contractors are currently working on the news and gift and restaurant locations, as well as operations spaces for airlines and other tenants on the apron level. In addition, [art installation](#) has begun for the hanging sculpture, glass installation near restrooms, and the mural near the concourse entrance.

The latest photo gallery is available on the [Modernization Images](#) page at flymemphis.com.



[View modernization photo gallery](#)



Transportation Security Administration

TSA extends face mask requirement at airports and throughout the transportation network

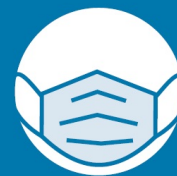
The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is extending the face mask requirement for individuals across all transportation networks throughout the United States, including at airports, onboard commercial aircraft, on over-the-road buses, and on commuter bus and rail systems through September 13.

TSA's initial face mask requirement went into effect on February 1 with an expiration date of May 11.

"The federal mask requirement throughout the transportation system seeks to minimize the spread of COVID-19 on public transportation," said Darby LaJoye, the Senior Official Performing the Duties of the TSA Administrator. "Right now, about half of all adults have at least one vaccination shot and masks remain an important tool in defeating this pandemic. We will continue to work closely with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to evaluate the need for these directives and recognize the significant level of compliance thus far."

The CDC recently announced that fully vaccinated travelers with an FDA-authorized vaccine can travel safely within the U.S., but the CDC guidelines still require individuals to wear a face mask, socially distance, and wash their hands or use hand sanitizer. The extension of the face mask requirement is consistent with this most recent CDC guidance. TSA encourages all commuters, and airline and bus travelers, including people considering international travel, to stay up to date with any changes to these requirements by checking the [TSA](#) and [CDC websites](#) prior to taking their trip.

Face masks required.



TSA requires proper wearing of face masks, per federal law. Face masks are to be worn at all times. Failure to comply will result in denial of entry to the screening area, and may result in penalties.



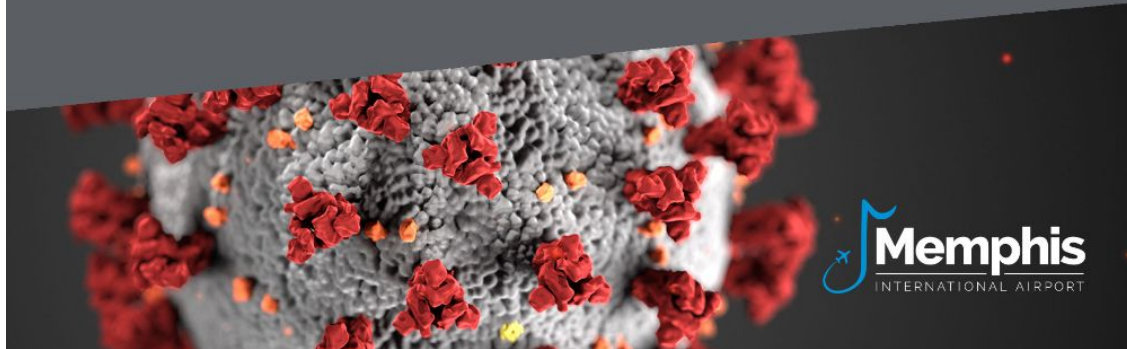
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MEM and COVID-19 (Coronavirus):

Learn more at:

[www.flymemphis.com/covid-19](https://flymemphis.com/covid-19)



Keeping the Public Informed

We have created and continue to update a page on our website to keep the public informed of the steps being taken at MEM in response to COVID-19. Screens like the graphic above are currently in rotation in baggage claim and on the jumbotrons.

Visit the page here, and pass along to any of your contacts who may ask what the airport is doing: <https://flymemphis.com/covid-19>

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