



Ribbon cutting held at MEM for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Patient Lounge

On Monday, March 7, the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Patient Lounge took place in the rotunda area of the modernized concourse.

Speakers included St. Jude Children's Research Hospital President and CEO Dr. James Downing, Patient Advocate and St. Jude parent Jason Winkle, MSCAA Board of Commissioners Chairman Michael Keeney, and MEM President/CEO Scott Brockman.

The lounge provides St. Jude families with a quiet place to relax during travel to and from Memphis. The space includes seating areas with charging stations, a private restroom, a game area with toys, a TV, and a kitchenette with complimentary snacks and drinks. St. Jude personnel staff the lounge, which opened to patients and their families on March 24.





[View St. Jude Patient Lounge Photo Gallery](#)



Spring Break numbers approach 2019 levels

During the five-day Spring Break peak travel period (March 10–14), MEM screened a total of 38,864 passengers and employees through the TSA checkpoints. That number represents 96% of MEM’s checkpoint total for the comparable period during Spring Break 2019. A total of 8,530 passed through the checkpoint on Monday, March 14, making it MEM’s second busiest day since December of 2019. November 14, 2021, was our busiest day since December of 2019 with throughput of 8,646.

For the calendar week of March 13-19, 50,959 people passed through the checkpoint, making it the busiest week since the first week in December 2019. Compared to 2019, national TSA traffic was down that week by 10.9% while MEM was up 11.6%.



Spirit Airlines launch at MEM just weeks away

Spirit Airlines will launch nonstop service to three destinations at MEM in 2022, with daily flights to Las Vegas McCarran International Airport (LAS) and Orlando International Airport (MCO) on April 20 and daily flights to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) beginning June 8. Tickets are now on sale at www.spirit.com.

Headquartered in Miramar, Florida, Spirit Airlines becomes the ninth airline serving MEM. The airline will operate 182-seat Airbus 320 aircraft for its flights.

"We're excited about serving Memphis because we think travelers in Western Tennessee and nearby states could use more high value flight options to popular leisure destinations," said John Kirby, Vice President of Network Planning at Spirit Airlines. "Also, Memphis is a vibrant community with so much to explore in music, food, culture and more for visitors looking for a rich experience.

"The arrival of Spirit Airlines at MEM provides our passengers with more low-cost travel options, and reflects our continued recovery from the pandemic," said Pace Cooper, Chairman of the Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority Board of Commissioners. "These three new daily routes indicate that Spirit sees Memphis as a promising market and we look forward to their continued growth at MEM."

The schedules are as follows:

April 20 – June 7

MEM to LAS

Departs: 9:50 am (CT)

Arrives: 11:15 am (PT)

LAS to MEM

Departs: 12:05 pm (PT)

Arrives: 5:26 pm (CT)

Starting June 8

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Departs: 6:16 pm (CT)

Departs: 8:00 am (ET)

Arrives: 9:21 pm (ET)

Arrives: 9:00 am (CT)

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Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority (MSCAA) is hiring for several positions

Do you know someone who'd make a great member of First Team MEM? Here are the positions currently open to applicants:

- Manager of Properties: Concessions
- Seasonal Utility Operator
- Traffic Customer Service Specialist
- Painter
- Accounting Clerk
- Building Maintenance Electrician
- Administrative Maintenance Assistant
- Airport Police Officer
- Benefits Coordinator

[MEM Careers Workday Website](#)



Who does what at MEM

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