



AvPORTS Releases Tips for Air Travelers to Stay Healthy Amid Outbreak

World's most experienced airport manager readies for spread of coronavirus

New York — In response to the COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) outbreak, the world's most experienced airport operator released tips for air travelers to help slow the spread of the virus and its own efforts to still allow for safe continued use of air travel in the United States.

AvPORTS oversees operations at six airports in the Tri-state area, and others around the country. CEO Jorge Roberts issued the following information about the company's efforts to reduce transmission of the virus, as well as travel advice and precautions:

"Since the first reported cases of COVID-19, AvPORTS and the airports we operate have been monitoring the developments and spread of the disease very closely. We have also implemented the Airport Preparedness Protocol, which includes ensuring staff is briefed and prepared, and that facilities are providing hand sanitizer and antiseptic wipes to passengers and staff. In addition, we increased the cleaning of our public spaces— such as handrails and other surfaces— wherever possible. We also recommend those who are traveling to take basic precautions, like frequently washing their hands and covering their mouth with their elbows when coughing."

"AvPORTS — together with travel authorities and local government agencies — have implemented protocols and procedures in-line with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO), the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the local health authorities to handle the potential outbreak while maintaining operation of our airports."

Specifically, in response to the virus, AvPORTS is:

- Supplying personal protection equipment, including gloves, hand-washing facilities and sanitizing gels for staff;
- Developing standardized cleaning procedures;
- Facilitating vehicles and health personnel to transport of travelers to health facilities in case required;
- Performing entry/exit control with the health authorities, as needed.

AvPORTS recommends that travelers:

- Frequently clean hands by using alcohol-based hand sanitizer or wash with soap and water;
- Cover mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing into a flexed elbow or tissue – throw tissue away immediately and wash hands;
- Do not touch eyes, mouth, and nose without washing hands first;
- Use antiseptic wipes to clean surfaces;
- Avoid close contact with anyone who has fever and cough;
- A mask is not guaranteed to protect you against any virus. The CDC and other leading health authorities are asking the public to refrain from purchasing masks in case of a shortage;
 - If you have fever, cough, and/or difficulty breathing, seek medical care early and share previous travel history with your healthcare provider. We ask that you do not travel while sick;
- Check the latest information from your airline and the CDC.

None of the AvPORTS managed airports are currently designated by CDC and the Federal Government to handle and manage traffic from the affected areas. The CDC and federal government designated 11 major international airports to handle traffic from affected areas.

About AvPORTS

AvPORTS is the most experienced American-owned and -based airport manager and operator, with more than 650 employees and a 92-year track record. AvPORTS has operated more than 30 airports and passenger terminals in the United States, including 50 years' operating airports in New York State. In addition to its work at Stewart Airport, AvPORTS also currently operates Albany, Republic and Westchester airports in New York. AvPORTS also operates Teterboro Airport in New Jersey, a Port Authority facility.

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