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Hartsfield-Jackson, TSA Ready for Holiday Weekend *Memorial Day marks start of busy summer travel season*

ATLANTA – With millions of people expected to fly this Memorial Day weekend, officials at the world’s busiest and most efficient airport are prepared for the start of the busy summer travel season.

“We take pride in our distinction as the world’s busiest airport,” said Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport General Manager Roosevelt Council, Jr. “We are just as proud of the fact that we’re the world’s most efficient airport. That efficiency will ensure all of our guests have a safe, pleasant journey through ATL this weekend.” ATL expects to serve as the origination airport for nearly 400,000 passengers during the weekend, which runs from Thursday to Monday. More than 85,000 people are expected to depart from ATL on Friday, considered the busiest day of the weekend.

Airport officials remain committed to providing a secure environment. Local, state and federal law enforcement officials remain hyper-vigilant to any threats posed to the traveling community. Officers will maintain a strong, visible presence at Hartsfield-Jackson.

To ease passenger flow, ATL substantially expanded the security queuing area to accommodate more passengers. Additionally, ATL – working with the Transportation Security Administration and airline stakeholders – recently completed the installation of 20 new Automated Screening Lanes (ASL), bringing the total number of ASLs to 22. These lanes increase by 30 percent the number of travelers passing through the screening process. The screening lanes opened nearly two weeks ahead of schedule.

During the holiday weekend, passengers are encouraged to arrive at ATL at least two hours before scheduled departure for domestic flights and three hours for international flights. Travelers should also monitor their airlines’ websites and social media feeds for immediate updates.

ATL provides information on its various electronic platforms include the Airport’s website (ATL.com), Twitter ([@ATLAirport](https://twitter.com/ATLAirport)), Facebook ([@ATLAirport](https://www.facebook.com/ATLAirport)) and Instagram ([@atlairport](https://www.instagram.com/atlairport)).

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Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport

Hartsfield-Jackson (ATL) is the world's busiest and most efficient airport, serving more than 104 million passengers annually with nonstop service to more than 150 U.S. destinations and 70 international destinations in more than 50 countries. ATL boasts a direct economic impact of \$34.8 billion in metro Atlanta and a total direct economic impact of \$70.9 billion in Georgia. The Airport is the largest employer in Georgia, with more than 63,000 employees. The Airport is a frequent recipient of awards of excellence for concessions, operations, sustainability, architectural engineering, and construction. ATL is now in the midst of a \$6 billion capital improvement program, ATLNext, that will modernize the Domestic Terminal and concourses, create new parking decks, construct a 440-room hotel, Class A commercial office space, add a new runway, new concourse and expand cargo facilities. For more information, visit www.atl.com.

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