



Airport ready for travelers heading to warm-weather destinations for spring vacations

INDIANAPOLIS—If air travelers have learned one thing so far in 2010, it's that snow happens.

Indianapolis International Airport (IND) is prepared to manage thousands of Spring Break travelers over the next few weeks. But if severe weather rolls through the U.S., passengers should be prepared for weather-related changes to their plans.

Larger-than-average passenger volumes are typical before and after school breaks, including Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays over the next four weeks:

- March 12-15
- March 19-22
- March 26-29
- April 2-5

Several universities and colleges—including Wabash, Marian, BSU, Vincennes, ISU, Butler, USI, and UIndy—began their annual Spring Breaks this week. Students from Purdue, IUPUI, and Anderson University will take a break from their studies next week.

Travel volumes over the past weekend were down slightly from the same period in 2009.

▪ Friday, 3/5/2010	12,781
▪ Saturday, 3/6/2010	11,786
▪ Sunday, 3/7/2010	11,352

In comparison, volumes in 2009 were:

▪ Friday, 3/6/2009	12,922
▪ Saturday, 3/7/2009	10,493
▪ Sunday, 3/8/2009	13,356

The busiest period for IND will occur toward the end of the month, when families with children in K-12 school districts (including IPS, Lawrence, Perry, Wayne, Warren, Franklin, Speedway, Boone, Hancock, Greenfield, Martinsville, Mooresville, Brownsburg, and Danville) take spring vacations.

AIRPORT PARKING & CHECK-IN

Allow ample time for parking, checking bags, clearing security, and reaching the gate area to board flights, especially for those scheduled to depart Indianapolis between 6 and 8 a.m.

Airport parking is quick, convenient, and plentiful. The Express Valet parking stand and valet attendants are on Level 3 of the Parking Garage. Cost for valet garage parking is \$20/day; self-parking in the garage is \$18/day. Drivers can park for as long as they wish in the Economy Lot for \$9/day or the Long-Term Lot for \$12/day.

Departing passengers can be dropped off at the Departures Level curb. Drivers coming to the airport to pick-up inbound passengers can park and wait for free in the Cell Phone Lot until passengers call them upon arrival.

SPRING BREAK 2010 TRAVEL TIPS

Booking flights in advance is key for getting the best Spring Break fares, according to travel expert Peter Greenberg. Purchasing direct nonstop flights helps ensure you reach your destination, even if the flight is delayed.

To keep operating costs down, many airlines have reduced their scheduled flights, resulting in fewer available seats for consumers. Finding a new flight after a major weather event can be challenging. In fact, some airlines are now proactively cancelling flights before the snow starts to fall. Others offer passengers the option to rebook before flights are cancelled.

For the best travel experience this spring, passengers should these tips in mind.

- Know the airline's policies for changes and cancellations. In the event of weather-related delays or cancellations, be prepared to take a refund, delay the trip, or apply the unused tickets toward the purchase of a new flight.
- Consider travel insurance to cover cost of travel expenses like unused hotel rooms or prepaid deposits in the event that the flight is cancelled or delayed.
- Those traveling to Mexico, Canada, or Europe should be certain they understand all passport requirements for leaving and re-entering the United States.
- Congested airspace on the East Coast often leads to delays. Those with direct or connecting flights near LaGuardia, JFK, and Newark airports, for example, should be prepared for delays. JFK has also embarked on a four-month runway improvement project, which is also likely to contribute to congestion.
- Many flights to Florida from Indianapolis connect through Atlanta, which is the nation's largest airport.

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- The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Web site has great information about how to get through security checkpoints as quickly and easily as possible.
 - > Taking a jumbo tube of sunscreen to the beach? Lotions, gels, aerosols, and liquids in carry-on bags must adhere to the 3-1-1 rule. Visit www.tsa.gov to learn about packing cosmetics, shampoos, and more.
 - > Organize carry-on bags in layers, with the plastic bag of liquids, gels, and aerosols on top so it can be easily removed for screening.
 - > When in doubt, leave it out! Passengers who are unsure whether an item is permitted through the checkpoint, should place the item in their checked bag or leave it at home.
 - > Wear easy-on, easy-off footwear. Avoid clothing with a lot of metal studs, buttons, or snaps as well as belt buckles and accessories with large metal pieces.
 - > Have boarding pass and government-issued photo identification in hand before entering checkpoint screening lanes.
- Be aware of new security technologies being utilized by TSA. Passengers may be directed to step into full-body millimeter wave scanning machines, which have been in use at Indianapolis International since 2008. They may also experience explosive trace detection (ETD) screening in which officers swab hands and luggage to test for explosives.

Those traveling with pets, infants and small children, medical devices, and those with special needs are encouraged to contact their airline and to view information posted on www.tsa.gov before coming to the airport. The TSA Web site also includes several short, helpful videos to prepare travelers for their flights.

Passengers can check the status of their flights on their airline Web site as well as at indianapolisairport.com, where flight data is refreshed every 60 seconds to the most recent information is available.

Contact the airport's Guest Services Department at 317.487.7243.

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