



# COVID-19 Travel Reminders for the Winter Holiday Season

## Flying During the COVID-19 Pandemic

For those choosing to travel during this winter holiday season, the experience will be different than in prior years as McCarran International Airport and airlines continue to take steps to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. While LAS has doubled down on cleaning and sanitizing, there are also precautions travelers should take to protect themselves and others. Passengers should utilize options such as online check-in and mobile boarding passes to limit person-to-person contact. Though there are reminders and floor markers throughout the airport to aid in social distancing, there are times when this is not possible in the airport environment. Each individual should note that they are ultimately responsible for maintaining a comfortable distance from others. Finally, properly worn face coverings are mandatory at all times while at the airport.

### “Know Before You Go”

- Plan to arrive at the airport at least two hours before your scheduled departure time, and allow even more time if you plan to park in an economy lot. Also, account for potential traffic delays due to weather conditions.
- Services such as shuttles, elevators and trams will have longer wait times in order to adhere to social distancing guidelines and the capacity limits put in place by the governor.
- Airport food and beverage offerings are currently limited, which could cause longer-than-anticipated waits. Travelers should consider this when deciding how early to get to the airport and whether to bring their own food. For concessions' availability, hours and locations, visit [www.mccarran.com](http://www.mccarran.com).
- Each airline has different policies, so be aware of fees that may be assessed for carry-on or checked baggage. Passengers should also note their airline's COVID-19 policies, such as acceptable types of face coverings and whether the middle seat is being blocked.
- It is crucial for travelers to educate themselves about the rules and regulations of the airports, cities and states that are part of their trip. Be aware of the latest advisories, mask mandates, testing requirements and quarantine orders that apply at each point of your journey.
- In order to minimize the number of people inside the airport, only ticketed passengers should enter the terminals. When you are being dropped off, say your goodbyes at the departures curb. If you have an unaccompanied minor or a traveler with special needs, please call your airline to coordinate assistance.
- Washing your hands with soap and water, or using hand sanitizer, is an important action that can prevent the spread of the virus. Travelers will find hand sanitizer dispensers at multiple locations throughout the airport, but it's best to bring your own. The TSA is allowing each passenger up to 12 ounces of hand sanitizer in their carry-on bags. Visit [www.tsa.gov](http://www.tsa.gov) to learn more about the TSA's COVID-19 measures and what items are allowed through the checkpoint.

### Winter Holiday Considerations

- While wrapped gifts are not prohibited, if an item sets off an alarm security officers may have to unwrap the item to inspect it. This applies to wrapped gifts at the checkpoint and in checked luggage. We recommend you wait until you arrive at your destination to wrap presents, or use a gift bag.
- Be prepared for travel impacts due to weather. Many airports will experience adverse weather during this time of year. This has the potential to delay arriving and departing flights across the country, even if your location has good weather.
- Families should be prepared with extras of essential items such as diapers, formula or anything else that may become necessary during a flight delay.