Summer 2021 Projected to Surpass 2019 Capacity

Fairbanks International Airport (FAI) is preparing for an unprecedented increase in passenger flights for 2021 summer seasonal and year round carriers. With existing carriers expanding service and the addition of two new carriers, FAI is predicting an approximate 33% increase in seat capacity to the lower 48 over 2019 numbers and expecting a record year in number of flights and passengers.

Commercial airlines operating at FAI this summer include Alaska Airlines, Delta Air Lines, American Airlines, United Airlines, Sun Country Airlines, Ravn, Condor Airlines, and 40-Mile Air.

“Air service development is a priority at FAI, and we are proud to see this record expansion at the airport. We are very fortunate to have the support and partnership of so many groups throughout Fairbanks including our partners at Explore Fairbanks,” said Angie Spear, Airport Manager. “This service expansion shows that Fairbanks continues to be open and ready for business.”
Rachel Webb New Chief of Operations

Rachel has been a valued member of FAI’s Operations Section with her vast knowledge and expertise and has mentored other Operations Officers during her time at FAI. Rachel began her service at FAI in 2014 as an Operations Officer, bringing with her a strong aviation background and a true passion for all that is Operations. Rachel was awarded FAI’s Employee of the Year for 2020. Rachel will provide direction, sound leadership and growth to FAI’s Operation section. FAI is most fortunate to have her as the new Chief of Operations.

Amazon Air Launches First Air Gateway in Fairbanks, Alaska

Amazon began operations at its new air gateway at Fairbanks International on March 18, 2021. This is Amazon’s second air location in the state and its most northern gateway in the world. Amazon Air’s branded 737 cargo aircraft operated by Sun Country Airlines, will arrive daily.

This new location will expand Amazon’s presence, not only in Fairbanks, but in some of the most rural areas in the region. Throughout the last year especially, Amazon has focused on getting necessary items to customers quickly and efficiently and we’re honored to be a part of those efforts here at FAI.

Escalator Replacement Underway at FAI

Fairbanks International Airport is replacing both escalators in the terminal building. Both the escalator to the TSA security checkpoint and the down escalator to the baggage carousel have currently been removed and are being replaced. Vending machines, newspaper racks and the drop off box for the U.S. Postal Service has been relocated during the construction. The project is slated for completion by the end of May 2021. Due to the escalator project and the projected increase in passenger traffic, travelers are encouraged to arrive at the airport at least two hours prior to their scheduled departure.
Hawaii Approved Testing in Terminal, Testing Available for all Travelers Regardless of Destination

Testing is located near baggage claim and meets State of Hawaii travel requirements.

It is advised that you make a separate trip to the airport for testing prior to arriving for travel. Test results are often available in less than 48 hours, but Hawaii travelers should test as soon as they are within 72 hours of departure to allow for enough time to receive results.

No reservation or appointment is required. For questions or more information, please contact Capstone Clinic directly at triage@capstoneclinic.com or 907-864-4642.

State of Alaska Travel Advisory
Information and advisories for anyone traveling to Alaska from the lower 48 and international destinations.

As the worldwide pandemic continues, it is very important to be aware of travel advisories and recommendations. It is encouraged to test prior to arrival, Fairbanks International Airport offers travelers COVID19 testing upon arrival with a registration to the Alaska Travel Portal and a completed travel declaration. Learn more about the State of Alaska’s guidance for travelers at: www.AlaskaSafeTravels.com.

Edge Light Cleaner

The Edge Light Cleaner easily clears 10 inches of snow off the FAI runway in expedited fashion. The unique attachment to this snow blower is exclusive to FAI at this time as our amazing Field Maintenance team helps to design and trouble shoot before going to market.
777x Cold Weather Testing at FAI

One of the four 777X test aircraft came to FAI for cold soak tests as part of its certification program. Aircraft need to be tested to examine how extreme cold affects various parts of the aircraft. For instance metals contract at different rates, while lubricants may lose their viscosity, creating wear issues for moving parts. Also, plastic and rubber parts could become brittle. One of the tests is to shut down the aircraft for 24 hours and then do a cold start.

Creamer’s Field

Could this mean Spring may come to Fairbanks?? The snow was EXTRA deep, but the Sun was shining for the annual snow removal to open the fields at Creamers Field. This a collaborative effort between the Department of Fish & Game and the Fairbanks International Airport to protect airspace and birds by offering food and security of Creamers field.

Winter Beauty Captured By FAI’s Jessica Johnson

Some days it just stops you in your tracks and begs for a photo!