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INDEPENDENCE DAY 2011

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (JMAA) is expecting high numbers of travelers to use the Jackson-Evers International Airport (JEIA) during this year's Independence Day Holiday Weekend. Current reservations show almost 14,000 passengers will use the Jackson-Evers International Airport between Friday, July 1st and Monday, July 5th. Business is good – so parking facilities will fill quickly and the security checkpoint lines will likely be long. The key to trouble free travel is extra time! Come early and be patient. Heavy travel volumes and the enhanced security process may mean longer lines at security checkpoints.

According to JMAA's chief executive officer, Dirk B. Vanderleest "Traffic is growing at a steady pace year over year at approximately 2% annually. During the holiday peak travel weekends we see a sharp increase but we are ready to handle it. With the new 100% jet bridge service for our scheduled flights our passengers can beat the heat on their way to and from their vacations. We have three parking lots and free parking for pick up in our Cell Phone Waiting Lot to meet our customer's needs.

Know Before You Go - check our website at WWW.JMAA.COM for flight schedule information; hot links and toll free phone numbers for airlines and rental car reservations, as well as parking availability.

JMAA has three parking lots for travelers and a Cell Phone Waiting Lot for our customers waiting to pick-up family and friends. The long term parking lot on South Hangar Drive is a credit card only access lot to allow you to come and go without waiting in line. The flat rate is \$8.00 per calendar day, and a free shuttle will take you and from the passenger terminal. The Garage and Surface Lots are also available at \$13.00 and \$11.00 per day. Assistance for Passengers with Disabilities can be pre-arranged by calling [601-932-6520](tel:601-932-6520).



Pack Smart - don't over pack luggage and double check your carry-on bags for any prohibited items. You may bring small amounts of liquids in your carry-on bags, remember 3 –1–1 = 3 ounce bottle or less; 1 quart-sized, clear, plastic, zip-top bag; 1 bag per passenger placed in screening bin. JMAA has courtesy bags available to passengers at the screening checkpoints. Laptops, cameras, jewelry and other expensive or fragile items should never be checked in luggage. Keep it with you but be prepared to have it screened "out of the bag" when you arrive at the security checkpoint. Wear comfortable shoes that slip on and off easily, avoid wearing bulky clothing or clothes decorated with metallic trim or studs. For more tips on TSA security rules and procedures visit their website at WWW.TSA.GOV.

Each airline has a different policy on checked luggage options. Please be sure to check with your airline on the number of checked bags allowed per passenger, and the fees for each by visiting the airlines' website or calling their toll free numbers.