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## HOLIDAY TRAVEL

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (JMAA) is expecting high numbers of travelers to use the Jackson-Evers International Airport (JEIA) during this year's Christmas and New Year's holiday season. "We are very pleased to note that our holiday passenger reservations are in line with our annual growth trend. Our airline partners report over 40,000 passengers plan to travel through JEIA between December 20th and January 2nd this holiday season. We expect high traffic volumes daily averaging estimated 1,500 – 2,000 passengers per day; Monday, December 26th will be our busiest day with approximately 4,000 passengers using our facilities." said Dirk B. Vanderleest, chief executive officer of the Airport Authority.

Heavy travel volumes mean business is good, but it also means limited parking, longer lines at check in and at security checkpoints. The key to trouble free travel is extra time! Come early and be patient. Our three parking facilities will fill quickly. Look for signs to direct you to lots that have spaces available. If you use our Surface Parking lot hop a ride on the "Jingle Bell Express" to and from the main terminal at JEIA.

Know Before You Go - check our website at [www.jmaa.com](http://www.jmaa.com) for flight schedule information; hot links and toll free phone numbers for airline reservations and individual flight status updates. For ground transportation options follow the links to rental car reservation services, taxi and limousine services and parking options at JEIA.

Pack Smart - don't over pack luggage, and **do not gift wrap packages** as TSA staff may have to open bags and boxes for further examination. Check your luggage and carry-on bags for any prohibited items. You may bring small amounts of liquids in your carry-on bags, and remember "The 3 -1-1 Rule" for carry-on bags: 3 - ounce or less bottles; 1 quart-sized, clear, plastic, zipper 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](http://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. Visit [www.jmaa.com](http://www.jmaa.com) for hot links and toll free numbers.