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Jackson-Evers International Airport (JAN) gears up for Spring Break Travel.

Jackson-Evers International Airport is gearing up to welcome passengers on their way to Spring Break destinations.

Spring Break begins in earnest this week and the Jackson-Evers International Airport wants to make sure that passengers are prepared for the trip. According to Dirk B. Vanderleest, executive director of the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority “Our peak travel days begin on St. Patrick’s Day and wrap up on Easter this year and want to make sure that everyone has a safe and happy Spring Break holiday. Key factors in making sure that travelers have a positive experience rest with proper planning and patience!”

The Jackson-Evers International Airport expects to have over 2000 passengers departing daily during the peak Spring Break travel time. This will mean that available parking will be tight, check-in lines will be long, and security screening processing times will increase. The airport has finalized their plans for expanding the parking facilities, but is holding off on construction until after Spring Break to leave as many parking spaces as possible open. Newly paved roadways will make it easier for passengers to be dropped off and picked up at the terminal, or to take advantage of the many ground transportation services available. If you are dropping off a passenger or picking up a friend or family member please be sure to check out our website at www.jmaa.com for real time flight arrival and departure information, as security restrictions on parking vehicles on the terminal driveways are strictly enforced. If your passenger has special needs such as a wheelchair or other assistance, please notify your air carrier and they will make arrangements to assist them in getting to you. When you are leaving for the airport please make sure to give yourself enough time to find a place to park, and check-in for your flight. Our airline partners recommend that you arrive at the terminal approximately two hours before your scheduled departure time. This will ensure that you have time to check-in for your flight and that your checked bag will make the flight with you! Remember, that departure time is exactly that, airlines generally board passengers and their luggage up to thirty minutes prior to departure time. Security screening is required for all passengers and baggage. The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) reports wait times at Jackson ranging from as few as 5 minutes on average up to 30 minutes during

heavy traffic periods. Remember to bring a government issued picture identification card for check-in. Leave valuables at home, along with your lighters as the new ban on lighters is in effect. Passengers are allowed to have one carry-on bag and one personal item such as a purse or briefcase when entering the screening checkpoints. If you have questions related to what you can or cannot bring please visit the TSA website at www.tsa.gov and check out their travel tips.