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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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## NORTHWEST FLORIDA BEACHES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO REQUIRE FACE MASKS IN TERMINAL

**PANAMA CITY BEACH, Fla. (August 11, 2020)** – To slow the spread of COVID-19, Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport (ECP) is requiring all passengers and staff to wear face coverings over their mouth and nose in all areas of the Airport beginning Wednesday, August 12.

The CDC strongly recommends the use of face masks to help stop the spread of COVID-19, as well as social distancing, when possible.

"The safety and security of our passengers and staff has always been our number one priority at ECP," said Parker W. McClellan, Jr., A.A.E., ECP Executive Director. "Along with our current ECP Ready health and safety measures, face masks will help slow the spread of COVID-19."

This announcement further supports ECP's airline partners, American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Southwest Airlines and United Airlines, of which require face masks for all staff and passengers throughout their journey including on board the aircraft.

ECP will continue its current additional safety measures by providing guests with hand sanitizing stations, encouraging social distancing, using plexiglass panels designed for protection, increasing cleaning and encouraging meeters and greeters to wait for passengers in their vehicle.

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**About Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport** 

Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport (ECP) is located less than 30 minutes from Panama City Beach, Panama City and the beaches of South Walton. Today, with service from American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Southwest Airlines, and United Airlines, ECP provides flights to worldwide destinations, including nonstop flights between ECP and Atlanta (ATL), Austin (AUS), Baltimore (BWI), Charlotte (CLT), Chicago (MDW/ORD), Columbus (CMH), Dallas (DAL/DFW), Denver (DEN), Houston (HOU/IAH), Kansas City (MCI), Nashville (BNA), St. Louis (STL) and Washington DC (DCA). The first international airport to be built in more than a decade, ECP provides Northwest Florida communities with first-class facilities and was strategically developed for major economic development opportunities. ECP is the gateway to visitors seeking Northwest Florida's famous beaches.