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**For Immediate Release:**

**ECP AND ITS PARTNERS CONTINUE TO ADDRESS COVID-19**

**PANAMA CITY BEACH, Fla., March 16, 2020** – The world is responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel (new) coronavirus (COVID-19) that was first detected in China and has now been detected in more than 100 locations internationally, including the United States.

As the coronavirus outbreak continues to impact airports and travel, Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport (ECP) remains committed to the safety and security of our passengers and staff. ECP is monitoring the COVID-19 situation closely and is in ongoing communication with state and local health officials, airline carriers and other partners to take appropriate measures based on the most recent information.

As we move into the spring break travel season, ECP will continue to take precautions as directed by health officials and activate the appropriate steps to mitigate any potential impact to the airport and our community. We are committed to responding to this rapidly changing scenario appropriately and we will keep passengers, staff and partners fully informed as the situation evolves.

“We take pride in the cleanliness of our facilities, and to further strengthen our commitment, ECP has implemented additional measures to keep the Airport sanitary,” said Parker McClellan, ECP Executive Director. “We have increased the presence of cleaning staff and are reminding employees to stay home if they feel unwell. Additionally, we have installed hand sanitizer dispensers at numerous locations throughout the Terminal.”

Passengers and employees are encouraged to practice healthy hygiene habits such as washing hands frequently, covering coughs and sneezes, avoiding touching eyes, nose and mouth, and staying home if sick.

ECP’s airline partners have also provided information for travelers, and a listing is shared below:

- [American Airlines](#)
- [Delta Air Lines](#)
- [Southwest Airlines](#)
- [United Airlines](#)

Passengers who wish to make a change in their travel should reach out directly to their airline carrier for more information. Contact information for each one of our airline partners can be found at <https://www.iflybeaches.com/flights/airlines>.

For additional references, ECP encourages travelers, as well as the general public to review information from the following sources:

- [Florida Department of Health updates on COVID-19](#)
- [Information for Travelers on COVID-19](#)
- [Guidance for Airlines and Airline Crew](#)
- [Florida Department of Health in Bay County updates on COVID-19](#)

ECP continues to monitor the ever-changing COVID-19 activity and will deliver updates as they impact ECP.

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### **About Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport**

*Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport (ECP) offers some of the region's lowest average airfares and 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 daily flights to worldwide destinations, including nonstop flights to 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.*