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THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY TRAVEL PARKING LOTS CONGESTED – SECURITY LINES LONG

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (JMAA) is expecting high numbers of travelers to use the Jackson-Evers International Airport this holiday season. With high passenger traffic volumes estimated at 2000-3000 per day during the holiday travel week, parking facilities will fill quickly and the security checkpoint lines will likely be long. Our Customer Service Team members will be in the terminal area to assist you if you have questions or need assistance, but the key to trouble free travel during the holidays is extra time!

In order to accommodate parking during this historically high demand period, 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. As our lots fill with customers, parking personnel and signage will be posted to direct customers to an open area.

Know before you go - check our website at www.JMAA.com for flight schedule information; hot links to airlines, toll free phone numbers for airlines and rental car reservations, as well as parking availability.

JMAA would also like to remind holiday travelers to pack smart. Leave gift packages unwrapped as they may need to be examined at the security points; don't over pack luggage, TSA screeners may have to open bags for further examination. Remember to check your luggage and 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 and other expensive fragile equipment 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.

Come early and be patient. Heavy travel volumes and the enhanced security process may mean longer lines at security checkpoints. For more tips on TSA security rules and procedures visit their website at www.TSA.gov.