



March 10, 2020

Statement re: Traveler with Confirmed Coronavirus (COVID-19)

“On Monday, March 9, 2020, the Louisville Metro Public Health and Wellness (LMPHW) notified the Louisville Regional Airport Authority that the individual identified with a confirmed case of COVID-19, or coronavirus, in Jefferson County traveled through the Louisville Muhammad Ali International Airport (SDF). This individual was through the airport on three separate occasions – February 28 in late evening; March 2 in early morning and March 6 late evening.

We take health concerns seriously and continue to work with LMPHW and other supporting agencies to follow-up on this individual’s travel through SDF. Based on the information available, the LMPHW has indicated the risk of exposure remains low.

SDF has implemented already established protocols, which can be found below:

- SDF continues to implement its 24-hour, 365-day cleaning protocol that complies with CDC guidelines.
- Out of an abundance of caution, since mid-February the airport has increased our use of disinfectant and cleaning in high-touch areas such as handrails, elevator buttons, escalators, and restroom doors.
- Airline gate areas are cleaned routinely multiple times throughout the day.
- The number of hand sanitizing stations in the Jerry E. Abramson Terminal for passengers’ convenience has been increased.
- We are coordinating with our airline and business partners to closely monitor any change in the status of our region’s health to ensure awareness of interagency protocols for handling infectious diseases.

Public health officials recommend good personal hygiene and frequent hand washing as the best way to prevent illness. In addition, they recommend:

- Wash your hands frequently for at least 20 seconds, especially after using the restroom, before eating and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.
- If you cough, cover your mouth and nose with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- While not protective against COVID-19, public health officials also recommend the influenza vaccine. It's not too late to get an influenza vaccine as flu season can last into the Spring.
- If you are traveling overseas, follow the CDC's guidance including the use of hand sanitizer and/or anti-bacterial wipes.

For the most current information as it relates to SDF, please visit www.flyLouisville.com/coronavirus. Kentucky residents may also visit www.kycovid19.ky.gov or contact the Kentucky Coronavirus hotline at 1-800-722-5725 for questions. Indiana residents may visit <https://www.in.gov/isdh/28470.htm>.”

- Darrell Watson, Vice President of Strategy and Innovation
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