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## COVID-19 Updates

The health, well-being, safety and security of our passengers, guests and employees is extremely important to the Yuma International Airport family. Our team offers the important information below you will find helpful if travelling through Yuma International Airport.

Yuma International Airport is open and operating as essential infrastructure and is in regular active contact with the Yuma County Health Department, Arizona Department of Health Services, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), our airline partner, American Airlines, and airport industry leaders to be ready to respond to recommendations. This is YCAA practice in cases such as this, per the YCAA's Pandemic Response Plan.

Currently, there are **no travel restrictions** to or from any nonstop destination served by airlines at Yuma International Airport but travelers should know there are more flight cancellations. Additionally, in response to reservations demand, airlines are adjusting their schedules for the future. Effective April 7th frequencies to/from Phoenix are reduced from 5 to 3 flights most days through at least May 5th. Airlines are relaxing rules regarding change fees and cancellations. Many changes can be done online by passengers who purchased their tickets directly from their airline. Passengers who booked their flights elsewhere should seek to make changes where they purchased their tickets. Airlines report their phone reservations systems are being overwhelmed resulting in extraordinarily long wait times. They ask that only passengers traveling within the next 72 hours call. To make changes, please visit their website: <https://www.aa.com/i18n/travel-info/coronavirus-updates.jsp>

One of the more significant changes is that TSA is now permitting passengers to carry-on liquid hand sanitizer containers up to 12 ounces until further notice. These containers larger than the standard allowance of 3.4 ounces of liquids will need to be screened separately, which will add some time to the checkpoint screening experience. Otherwise, the following precautions remain in effect at TSA checkpoints:

- Disinfectant sprays that are flammable are prohibited in either carry-on or checked bags.
- There are no restrictions on bringing disinfectant wipes through security.
- Passengers may request TSA officers use new gloves during the screening process. Officers are directed to use a fresh swab for each passenger when testing for explosive material. (continued page 2)



### Special Message from Airport Director Gladys Brown

To help reduce risk of spreading viruses, passengers are reminded to keep safe distances while waiting in the security queue and to secure personal items normally carried in their pockets (phone, wallet, keys, coins, etc.) in the carry-on they put through the X-ray system rather than putting them loosely in a bin.

For updated information about the TSA and the coronavirus please visit [www.tsa.gov/coronavirus](http://www.tsa.gov/coronavirus)

The safety, health, well-being and security of our passengers, guests & employees is extremely important to the entire Yuma International Airport family. The Airport is up and running, even with the impact the COVID-19 has on all businesses. There are reductions of how many flight are arriving and departing but this is only temporary. Take this time to plan for the future in your business and leisure, and know there is lots to look forward to once we get through this tough time. Stay encouraged, help where you can and take care of the home front. Be kind, be healthy and know we care. Practice social distancing but don't socially disengage. We are all in this together. *Gladys*

# COVID-19 (Continued)

In response to passenger demand and public health recommendations to limit person-to-person contact, the following changes have been implemented at Yuma International Airport:

- **Brewers Restaurant and Sports Bar** in the terminal is open for take-out orders or curbside pick-up from 5:00 am to 9:00 pm and deliveries to 9E from 11:00 am to 9:00 pm. Please visit their website at [www.brewerssportsbar.com](http://www.brewerssportsbar.com).
- **Enterprise, Avis/Budget and Hertz Rent Car** agencies are open for business.
- **U.S. Customs** in the terminal is open, please call (928) 314-1295 to make an appointment.
- The **Military Comfort Center** is closed as a result of Department of Defense restrictions eliminating most travel through May 11.
- Passenger assistance provided by **Yuma International Airport's Ambassadors** is suspended until further notice.
- The **Airport's Lost and Found** office is closed to the public but can be reached by phone at (928) 941-2396.
- The **Yuma County Airport Authority Administration Offices** are closed to the public. Employees can be reached by email or phone. Call the main number, (928) 726-5882, to talk to a specific individual or to make a payment by phone.

At Yuma International Airport our custodial team takes pride in maintaining the airport terminal to the highest standards (which has been recognized by passengers from all over the world!). We know this is no time to waiver from those high standards. The following are some of the prescribed precautions the YCAA is taking for the safety of our passengers and employees.

- Increased frequency of cleaning and monitoring of restrooms and "high-touch" areas (handrails, armrests, etc.) with EPA-approved disinfectants that are designed to kill bacteria/viruses within 5 minutes of application.
- Waiting areas are disinfected multiple times throughout the day.
- More instant hand sanitizer dispensers are placed in the terminal.
- Assuring soap-and-water (the preferred method for washing hands) is maintained in restrooms near food service areas.
- HVAC systems have been cleaned and sanitized and are equipped with HEPA (High Efficiency Particulate Air) filters.
- The YCAA Pandemic Response Plan for Yuma International Airport has been updated and circulated to the airlines, tenants, local, state and federal partners. The plan conforms to the guidance recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

These precautions from health officials have been shared with Yuma International Airport employees and tenants and is considered recommended advice for all:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. (Alternatively, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.)
- Try to stay 3 feet away from unknown individuals and stay at least 6 feet away from sick individuals.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a disinfectant cleaning spray or wipe.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Seek medical care if you have:
  - A persistent temperature elevation of 103° to 104° despite using fever reducing medication
  - A sustained dry cough
  - Difficulty catching your breath

# YUMA AIRPORT PROJECTS

## *Air Service Grant Award*

The Yuma County Airport Authority was selected to receive a grant in the amount of \$775,000 from the Department of Transportation as part of the Small Community Air Service Development Program (SCASDP). Yuma should be very proud for being selected for this grant as it is an example of how the entire community came together to generate a sound application submittal with a designated route specific to the application. The funding can be used for a revenue guarantee for new nonstop service to Denver, CO, on United Airlines. Denver is Yuma's second largest true market (most popular). Denver is a well-rounded hub, and provides more connectivity to the Midwest and eastern US, offering more than 500 daily departures to 163 destinations. This grant does not guarantee air service but is used to help attract additional providers.

It is important to understand the process going forward because service will not happen overnight. It is our understanding additional gates are being constructed in Denver and United is working to acquire additional aircraft which could take up to a year or more. During that time the airport will undergo negotiations with the United team for new service.

Until then, the Yuma International Airport team asks you to Think Yuma First and check on airfare from Yuma to your choice destination and take advantage of Yuma International Airport's long term parking discount program with discounts by the month or year so you can come and go and save money. To learn more, please visit our website, [www.FlyYuma.com](http://www.FlyYuma.com).

## *Important Event Dates:*

04/14/20 – YCAA Board of Director's Meeting  
05/09/20 – Tentative GA Pilot Safety Training  
05/12/20 – YCAA Board of Director's Meeting  
05/25/20 – Memorial Day – Airport Office Closed  
06/09/20 – YCAA Board of Director's Meeting  
06/11/20 – GA Social at Million Air  
07/04/20 – Independence Day – Airport Office Closed

## *GA Apron Rehab*

Yuma International Airport recently evaluated Statements of Qualification from engineering firms interested to engineer the rehabilitation of approximately 48,700 SY of existing general aviation aprons by repairing or replacing the deteriorated asphalt and concrete sections. Of the qualified candidates, Nicklaus Engineering, Inc. of Yuma was selected. The design project will be funded by the FAA and ADOT. The design will begin mid-April and be complete by mid-August.

## *Master Plan Update*

Yuma International Airport hired Mead & Hunt in late 2019 to perform the airport's Masterplan. The purpose of the Master Plan is to identify future development interests, organize relevant airport data including facilities and air traffic activity, as well as forecast commercial service demands and business development opportunities. The extensive project will take approximately 18 months to complete and is funded by the FAA and ADOT.

## *Chamber Member of the Month*



Congratulations to Brewers Restaurant and Sports Bar for being selected as the Yuma County Chamber of Commerce's Member of the Month for March! Brewers is a local, family-owned business with two locations, one being right here in Yuma International Airport! Brewers' has amazing food and outstanding customer service and our hearts are warmed for their recognition!

# AVIATION AROUND TOWN

## *Civil Air Patrol Squadron 508*

Congratulations are in order for Yuma's Civil Air Patrol! In February, a small group of Civil Air Patrol cadets traveled to Washington DC, the second year in a row the 508 cadets received the honor. The cadets had the opportunity to meet with government officials, CAP Board of Governors, and CAP NHQ Commander MajGen Smith.

On March 4<sup>th</sup>, Major Smith transferred command of Squadron 508 to 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Ustaszewski in a ceremony presided by AZ Wing Commander, Col. Rob Pinckard. Major Smith thanked the team, families, and sponsors for achieving the vision and intent of his four year tour and also thanked several members who have gone above and beyond in their service to 508 and CAP. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Ustaszewski will continue 508 on the path to success by expanding 508's role in ground team and UAS missions. Immediately following, Col. Pinckard appointed Major Smith as Group Commander for AZ West Sector!

If you are interested in helping support Civil Air Patrol's cadets and mission, please visit <https://Yuma.cap.gov/donate>.



## *2020 Yuma Airshow*

Unfortunately due to COVID-19, our Aviation Partner, Marine Corps Air Station Yuma had to cancel the annual Yuma Airshow scheduled for mid-March. We truly appreciate the hard work and dedication by the staff at MCCA and MCAS Yuma and look forward to the 2021 Yuma Airshow scheduled for March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

## *MATHCOUNTS!*



Yuma International Airport partnered with Arizona Western College who hosted the annual MATHCOUNTS Competition Series where 'Mathlete' students from nine middle schools competed in the national program that provides students the opportunity to compete in live, in-person contests against and alongside their peers. The students were extra excited that the event was held at Arizona Western College where they had the chance to be on the campus! Many thanks to all of Yuma's sponsors and volunteers who have helped plan to make this event a success for these amazing Mathletes!

## *Yuma Airport Tours/Presentations*

The Yuma International Airport team is deeply involved in the Yuma community and enjoys every opportunity to educate students of all ages about aviation related programs and careers. If you or someone you know is interested in a backstage tour of the airport or presentation to your group, give Gen a call at 928-726-5882.