

Press Release

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Full Flights Make for Busy Holiday Weekend *Travelers Advised to Allow Plenty of Time*

OKLAHOMA CITY, July 1, 2010 – Passenger traffic at Will Rogers World Airport has soared this summer and this 4th of July weekend is no exception. Travelers can expect longer lines and full aircraft. As a result, travelers should plan on arriving 1 1/2 hours before departure to ensure plenty of time to park the car, check luggage and pass through the security checkpoint.

With more people carrying on luggage to avoid baggage fees and more travelers printing out boarding passes at home, the lines at the checkpoints can swell in a matter of minutes. While an average wait is 15 minutes or less, there are peak times of the day where that wait can be much longer – 30 to 45 minutes. Early morning, mid-morning and mid-afternoon are generally busiest; however, charters, group travel and weather can all impact the wait times at the checkpoint.

Airlines begin boarding approximately 30 minutes prior to departure. If the passenger is not at the gate, they risk losing their seat to standby passengers. Rebooking can be tough, since available seats are at a premium.

Being prepared to go through the checkpoint will also make travel go more smoothly. Make sure that liquids and gels are contained in a clear, zip-lock bag, carry-on luggage is not over-packed and cluttered, and laptops are removed from their bags. Also, wearing shoes that can easily slip off and on and minimizing jewelry or items that might set off the metal detector will help the line move more quickly.

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Will Rogers World Airport is owned and operated by the City of Oklahoma City Department of Airports. Will Rogers is the city's commercial airport and accommodates over three and a half million passengers each year. The airport services 19 nonstop markets with an average of 75 daily departures. Wiley Post and Clarence E. Page airports are also owned and operated by the City.