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*It will be a busy spring at PDX; the Port of Portland encourages travelers to arrive early, plan ahead and celebrate PDX's iconic carpet. **#pdxcarpetfest***

PDX expects record spring break travel

Portland International Airport is gearing up for the busy travel season ahead. Roughly 600,000 travelers are expected during the Oregon spring break period, spanning March 18 through March 31. On the busiest forecasted days – March 19, 20, 22 and 23 – roughly 46,000 travelers will pass through PDX each day, compared to the normal daily average of 41,000 during this time of year. The airport will experience a second round of heavy travel when Washington schools break from April 6 to 10.

PDX set an all-time passenger record—15.9 million travelers—in 2014; while it's still early in the year, the airport is on track to surpass that record for 2015.

PDX Carpet Festival – Friday, March 20

On March 20th, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m., the airport will host the PDX Carpet Festival, a celebration of the airport's iconic floor covering. Employees and travelers are encouraged to wear PDX carpet attire, sample Rogue Brewing's PDX Carpet IPA, shop for a wide array of carpet-related apparel and accessories at different PDX stores, and visit the PDX carpet photo booth at the Clock Tower in the Oregon Market. All those wearing PDX carpet attire, or taking a photo in the PDX carpet photo booth, will be eligible to win a gift basket full of PDX carpet merchandise. **#pdxcarpetfest**

Plan ahead, arrive early

Travelers on flights departing before 8 a.m., or flights departing between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., should arrive at the airport two hours before their flights to allow enough time to get to their gates. This is the estimated time it takes during busy travel periods to park, ride a shuttle bus to the terminal, check a bag at the ticket counter, and go through security to make the flight on

time. Those who are not traveling during peak travel times should arrive at least 90 minutes before their flights.

Parking planning

Travelers planning to park at the airport are encouraged to first review real-time parking availability gauges found at www.pdx.com. Also, watch digital signs for parking updates when approaching the airport. If the long-term garage fills, parking staff will direct motorists to other parking options, including the economy lots, where ample spaces are expected.

More connected than ever

If traveling over spring break isn't in the cards, start planning now for this summer! Several new destinations give PDX travelers more places to travel in the coming months. Internationally, PDX will feature twice-weekly, seasonal routes to Reykjavik on Icelandair starting May 20 and to Frankfurt on Condor Airlines starting June 19. Domestically, Southwest offers daily flights to Dallas Love Field starting April 8, and will offer twice-daily flights to Los Angeles beginning June 7. JetBlue will offer daily seasonal service to Anchorage on June 18; Alaska Airlines will begin flying daily, year-round service to St. Louis on July 1. Southwest will offer twice-daily flights to Orange County beginning August 9.

More chances to win

As part of PDX's "Spring Fling" promotion, through April 27, travelers can enter to win a \$500 Azumano Travel voucher valid on all airlines operating out of PDX. PDX concessionaires are also offering sales and specials at participating shops and restaurants.

Travel tips

Find more PDX travel tips at www.pdx.com, and stay in touch with new developments at PDX on Twitter @flypdx. For TSA travel tips and a complete list of items prohibited on flights, visit www.tsa.gov. PDX travelers with screening questions related to a disability or medical condition can contact the TSA at 503.889.3067, or PDXcustomerservice@tsa.dhs.gov.

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