



**YEAGER AIRPORT**

## **STATEMENT REGARDING COVID-19**

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As the COVID-19 public health emergency continues to grow across North America and the world, and as the air transportation system is feeling the impacts at all levels, Yeager Airport and the Central West Virginia Regional Airport Authority Board of Members remain in regular contact with city, county and state public safety officials, the county health department, and air carriers. Officials are constantly monitoring guidance issued by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Safety and security are the top priorities at Yeager Airport. Airport officials have developed an extensive set of contingency plans to prepare for the Coronavirus impact to the traveling public including extensive deep cleaning routines in the terminal with added focus on all high-touchpoint areas and adding additional hand sanitizing stations throughout the airport.

Airport officials and the Board of Members are also working to protect and support Airport employees. Employees are encouraged to closely monitor their health and well-being and stay home if they or someone in their household, are sick. The Airport's health insurance provider, PEIA's the Healthplan, will cover COVID-19 testing at 100% of the contracted allowance, at a network provider, for members who meet CDC guidelines for testing. This means that employees will have no out-of-pocket expense for the actual test. Deductibles, copayments, and coinsurance will also be waived for any physician or facility services incurred in the process of being tested.

The virus outbreak has had a significant impact on the industry. Airlines are temporarily cutting international routes as demand has dropped around the globe. To date Yeager Airport has not had a quantifiable impact on routes or passengers. Future decisions on flights or travel restrictions will be up to federal authorities and individual airlines.

We'd like to remind passengers that airlines are also taking precautions to keep them safe when traveling during this time. Aircraft are equipped with state-of-the-art circulation systems, similar to those found in hospitals, which use a high-efficiency (HEPA) filter to circulate the air and remove more than 99% of airborne particles. Airlines are also adjusting their inflight service to limit person-to-person contamination. If passengers have questions related to upcoming flights, they should contact their airline directly. Several airlines have announced waivers of ticket change and cancellation fees.

Further, Yeager Airport would like to remind travelers and employees that everyone can do their part by taking steps to help stop the spread of germs. Good hygiene and frequent hand washing

are the simplest ways to stop the spread of COVID-19. For the most complete and up-to-date information, please visit: CDC.GOV.

Yeager Airport will provide updates as they become available.

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