Rising to the Challenge

The first half of 2020 has been challenging yet inspiring as people, communities and businesses have proven how to be resilient and hopeful for a bright and healthy future. As a result of the coronavirus pandemic, we have all seen how industries, including aviation, can drastically change and adapt.

During the last several months, our team has worked with airlines and other industry partners to remain open for essential travel. We have installed hand sanitizing stations and plexiglass guards throughout the airport. Housekeepers have remained focused on cleaning high-traffic areas, and we continue to follow public health guidance to build travelers’ confidence to feel healthy and safe when they’re ready to fly. And, we created an online resource at CVGairport.com/FlyHealthy to inform the public about changes at the airport. These web pages have been viewed nearly 50,000 times since launching in early March.

Throughout the pandemic and as the summer began, we have been open, operational and ready to serve. We saw greater numbers of passengers begin to return to CVG in May and June. Our airline partners continue to adjust schedules based on travel demand, including increasing flight frequencies and restarting routes that were suspended. These expansions are glimmers of hope for the summer travel season.

Cargo operations continue to have a critical impact at CVG. As we’ve seen e-commerce accelerate so has the need for moving goods and packages. We continue to set new monthly records and are proud of our established relationships and diversified business.

As we look to the second half of the year, we remain optimistic and diligent in keeping our passengers, employees and community healthy and safe as we continue to serve our region. Please read the following pages to learn more on how CVG is propelling forward.
Passenger Traffic Highlights

The Tri-State region is beginning to show its readiness to fly again. We experienced a slight passenger increase in May and June and are working with our airline partners on future opportunities as travel demand recovers. We’re pleased that several airlines at CVG are adjusting schedules to restart routes and add frequencies. Alaska Airlines, CVG’s newest airline partner, announced it would begin direct service to Seattle from CVG beginning May 2021. Passengers can now book tickets on Alaska Airlines’ website.

Each quarter the U.S. Department of Transportation releases its average airfare ranking report. In April, CVG was shown to once again have the lowest airfares in the region according to data for the fourth quarter of 2019. Our community has embraced lower fares and more airline options, and we’re grateful for that.

CVG is the Epicenter of E-commerce

Cargo growth has been a recurring theme at CVG for several years, and with the COVID-19 pandemic there is no letting up. In fact, cargo is booming. In 2020-Q2, CVG set new records for tons of cargo handled at our airport by carriers including DHL, Amazon, FedEx and others.

It has been one year since Amazon broke ground on its Air Hub at CVG, and it is making significant progress on phase one of the development—all while an average of 30-35 Amazon Air flights operate out of DHL’s current facilities each day. This number will grow over time, and we anticipate more growth in cargo landed weight in the months and years to come.
Airport Jobs Make an Impact to Our Region

Recently, the University of Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky University completed an updated study of CVG’s economic impact based on year-end 2018 data. The airport’s operational, construction-related, and visitor-induced spending was shown to have a total annual impact of nearly $6.8 billion. This is a 54% increase over the $4.4 billion economic impact the airport had in 2015. Additionally, the study concluded that the airport supports more than 47,000 jobs, both directly and indirectly, confirming that CVG remains one of the Tri-State region’s most significant job hubs.

Airport Improvement Remains a Priority

The Federal Aviation Administration requires airports to periodically update their future facility plans in a Master Plan Update (MPU). CVG is nearing the completion of its 2050 MPU. While no major changes are projected for the airfield, CVG’s passenger growth trends enable the airport to continue investing in terminal and concourse improvements. Anticipating that passenger traffic may not return to pre-2020 levels for some time, the MPU is based on passenger activity levels rather than specific dates. Therefore, the CVG team continues to plan for the airport’s future—and the necessary investments—to ensure the facility’s footprint keeps pace with demand and is well-prepared for additional growth.
Fly Healthy

CVG Airport’s priority has always been creating the safest way to travel. We are open for you. We are prepared and committed to ensuring your travels are safe and healthy.

When you are ready to fly, we are ready to serve you. The Fly Healthy section of CVGairport.com offers a deep well of resources to ensure passengers, employees and the public enjoy a safe, healthy and seamless experience at the airport.

As travel demand begins to resume, we invite everyone to utilize this section to learn about open concessions, parking options and rates, traveler responsibilities while at the airport, along with tips and other operational updates.

CVG Airport requests all employees wear a facial covering while at the airport. Plexiglass guards are installed at most ticket counters, gate desks, and concessions. Social distancing should be practiced throughout the airport, especially while in any lines. More information can be found on the website.

CVGairport.com/FlyHealthy: your resource for flying healthy and staying on top of airport and industry updates.

2016-2021 STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The CVG of Tomorrow

Take Flight
9.4 Million passengers by 2021

Grow Business
350 acres of airport land leased for development by 2021
207 acres leased as of 2019.

Propel Community
$5.5 Billion annual economic impact by 2021
$6.8B in 2018.

Elevate Services
Functionally obsolete terminal facilities demolished and state of the art rental car facility constructed by 2021
New roadway system and new CVG Terminal Garage entrance/exit opened in 2019. Project on track for 2021 completion.

Go Beyond
Airport Service Quality (ASQ) ranking superior to peer airports by 2021