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Des Moines International Airport Prepares for the Busiest Travel Season of the Year

Des Moines, Iowa (May 23, 2018) – Summer is the busiest time of the year for flying, so the Des Moines International Airport is providing tips to make this season’s air travel as efficient as possible. [According to the Transportation Security Administration \(TSA\)](#), 243 million passengers and crew are projected to pass through security checkpoints nationwide this summer, an increase of 5 million people compared to 2017. At DSM, June has consistently been the most popular month for flying for the past 14 years in a row.

“Airports across the country are preparing for this summer to be the busiest travel season of the year,” said Kevin Foley, Des Moines Airport Authority executive director. “With holiday weekends like Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day quickly approaching, we’re focusing on providing a positive travel experience for our passengers as they travel from Iowa to anywhere.”

In order to accommodate the ever-growing number of passengers, TSA has increased its checkpoint staff and is reminding travelers of the recently completed [enhanced TSA security procedures](#). Passengers can assist transportation security officers with shorter wait times a few simple ways:

- Arrive at the airport at least 90 minutes prior to the scheduled departure time.
- Check personal belongings for any prohibited items before getting to the airport to avoid a slowdown in line (and possibly losing those items).
- Check-in with their airline and DSM to confirm when wait times are at their peak. The [MyTSA App](#) can be a helpful resource when figuring out when passengers should arrive to the airport.
- Pack their carry-on in a way that it can easily be screened (and possibly easily be unpacked). Make sure to keep items that need to be scanned separately at the top, including laptops, tablets, e-readers, cameras and any items TSA may request to remove, such as foods, powders and materials that can obstruct clear images on the X-ray machine.

About the Des Moines Airport Authority

The Des Moines Airport Authority is an independent entity that oversees the operations and maintenance of the Des Moines International Airport. The Airport Authority works to improve the quality of air service and make air travel to and from Des Moines more convenient and pleasurable. For more information, visit www.dsmaairport.com and follow [@dsmaairport](https://twitter.com/dsmaairport) on Twitter and [DSM International Airport](https://www.facebook.com/dsminternationalairport) on Facebook.

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