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## **Palm Springs Airport Passenger Traffic Keeps Improving; Rebound Expected to Continue Through End of Year**

**Palm Springs, California** – Palm Springs International Airport (PSP) continues to see passenger traffic rebounding as more travelers return to the skies. April 2021 was the best month for passenger numbers at PSP since the pandemic started, and May is looking to follow suit with several days coming in at more than 100% of same day 2019 numbers.

“We’re seeing consistent month-over-month improvement in our passenger numbers”, said Daniel Meier, Deputy Director of Aviation, Marketing & Air Service, “So far, our daily passenger numbers this month have been at 88% or higher of same day 2019 numbers, with many days in the 90s and some exceeding 100%.”

PSP expects the passenger recovery to continue due to more year-round flights. Southwest launched daily service to Las Vegas this month and Delta Air Lines is expanding their Seattle service to year-round. Delta’s Seattle route is currently operating from Palm Springs, but it previously operated on a seasonal basis during the Coachella Valley’s primary tourist season. Delta will now operate one daily round trip flight to Seattle on a year-round basis from Palm Springs.

Summer flight options at Palm Springs are projected to be up compared to 2019. The addition of Southwest Airlines year-round service to Denver, Las Vegas, Oakland, and Phoenix combined with growth from Alaska Airlines and Delta Air Lines will provide nearly 100 additional flights from Palm Springs in June 2021 compared to June 2019. In July, Palm Springs will have more than 150 additional flights compared to July 2019, an increase of 25%. Alaska Airlines has increased its service to Seattle this June by more than 100% compared to June 2019, and Delta Air Lines is adding another daily flight to its Salt Lake City hub providing Palm Springs with three daily flights compared to twice daily in summer 2019.

“Having more year-round service in Palm Springs is a goal our community has consistently been working toward,” said Executive Director of Aviation, Ulises Aguirre. “We’re grateful for the airlines’

continued investment. With so many additional flights, there's never been a better time to fly from Palm Springs."

Fall 2021 is looking up for Palm Springs International Airport as well. Alaska Airlines is set to debut new service to San Jose, which was originally planned for 2020 but delayed due to COVID-19, and will return their new Reno service, which launched in November 2020 and then was suspended due to COVID-19. JetBlue will also launch new non-stop service from Palm Springs to Fort Lauderdale this fall, which was originally planned for a fall 2020 start but was also delayed due to COVID-19.

For more information about the airlines that serve Palm Springs and the routes they fly, please visit [PalmSpringsAirport.com](http://PalmSpringsAirport.com).

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#### **ABOUT PALM SPRINGS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

Palm Springs International Airport (PSP) is owned and operated by the City of Palm Springs. The airport's 11 air carriers provide non-stop flights to 24 cities in the United States and 5 cities in Canada. US non-stop routes include Atlanta, Bellingham, Boise, Boston, Chicago, Dallas/Fort Worth, Denver, Eugene, Everett, Fort Lauderdale, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, New York City, Oakland, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Portland, Reno, Sacramento, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, San Jose, and Seattle. Canadian non-stop routes include Calgary, Edmonton, Toronto, Vancouver, and Winnipeg. PSP is served by Air Canada, Alaska, Allegiant, American, Delta, Frontier, jetBlue, Southwest, Sun Country, United, and WestJet. Some airlines and routes operate only on a seasonal basis at PSP.

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