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Holiday Travel Tips from Alaska's International Airports

(ANCHORAGE, Alaska) – The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities' International Airports in Anchorage and Fairbanks are preparing for the winter travel season and offer these tips to make travel easier:

- Check Flight Status – Before you leave for the airport, check flight status or sign up for flight alerts.
- Show up early! It is recommended that you arrive at the airport two hours prior to scheduled departure. The airports have restaurants, shops, and art displays that you can enjoy after passing through security screening.
- Wrap Gifts After You Arrive - Do not wrap gifts and packages as items may need to be unwrapped for screening. Become familiar with the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) advice on [traveling with food or gifts](#).
- Be Prepared for Security Procedures - The TSA has specific rules for carrying liquids and gels in carry-on luggage, in addition to procedures related to electronics. Become familiar with their procedures and prohibited items by checking the [TSA website](#).
- Free Cell Phone Lot in Anchorage – If you're picking up passengers at Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport (ANC) a convenient place to wait for arriving flights is the cell phone lot located two minutes away from the South Terminal. ([Directions to ANC Cell Phone Lot](#))

“We wish everyone a happy holiday season, and hope these tips help make travel more relaxing and enjoyable as passengers transit Alaska's international airports,” said Steven Hatter, Deputy Commissioner for the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities.

More information about ANC airport services is available at www.anchorageairport.com. More information about Fairbanks International Airport's services is available at www.fai.alaska.gov

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