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**'Tis the Season: Sacramento International Airport Holiday Travel  
Season Kicks off This Week**

**SACRAMENTO, CA.** — [Sacramento International Airport](#) stands ready to serve holiday travelers with traffic management plans, travel tips and live entertainment. The [Air Transport Association](#) predicts that 24 million passengers will fly during the Week of Thanksgiving. Due to the volume of passengers flying this season, passengers are encouraged to “pack their patience,” prepare for their departure and allowing ample time for their holiday departures for a stress-free experience.

“Thanksgiving is a time to connect with family and friends,” said Hardy Acree, the Sacramento County Airport System’s Director of Airports. “During this time, many people are flying who may not have flown for months, if not years. By being prepared and informed, all passengers can travel like a frequent flyer, reducing wait times for all passengers.”

Passengers should allow sufficient time to locate available parking and be shuttled to the terminals, if necessary. Parking in the Terminal A Parking Garage is in high demand year-round and the structure often reaches capacity. The [Economy Parking](#) lot is also popular during the holidays. Parking lot closures –when they occur - are posted on overhead roadside signage are broadcast on 530AM, which has a range of up to five miles from the airport. Posted rates will apply for the lot a driver parks in and discounts will not be offered.

Due to ongoing [Big Build](#) construction, all on-airport traffic currently flows past Terminal A. To reduce congestion, all traffic will be divided on approach to Terminal A. Drivers are advised to be alert and watch for personnel directing traffic and pedestrians crossing the roadway. It is against the law to not stop for a pedestrian in a crosswalk.

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Parking and waiting at the curb is strictly prohibited due to security regulations. Rather than circling the airport or risking a ticket, the free [Cell Phone Lot](#) offers a perfect place to wait for arriving guests. Drivers in the lot should wait until their guests have collected luggage and are positioned at the curb before proceeding to the terminal for a perfect, stress-free pick-up.

For those who wish to park in one of the [Hourly Parking Lots](#) to greet their guests in the terminal, International has [live entertainment](#) scheduled in Terminal A Baggage Claim during the week of Thanksgiving and every Friday and Saturday until December 24. With a variety of music genres, the schedule has a performance for virtually everyone.

Sacramento County Airport System is responsible for planning, developing, operating and maintaining the county's four airports: Sacramento International Airport, Executive Airport, Mather Airport and Franklin Field. For more information, visit [www.sacairports.org](http://www.sacairports.org).

## **Travel Tips**

### **Before Your Flight:**

- Make sure your carry-on luggage meets your airline's requirements.
- Know if you will be charged to check luggage and what the maximum allowable weight for each checked bag is.
- Check the [TSA website](#) for guidance regarding [prohibited and permitted](#) items.
- The amount of [liquids and gels](#) you may carry on an aircraft is strictly limited.
  - Containers can hold no more than 3 ounces or 100 milliliters.
  - All containers holding liquids and gels must be contained in a single one-quart, clear, zip-top bag.
  - Pack liquids and gels in checked luggage.
- Foods and beverages that are liquids and gels and cannot fit into the single one-quart, clear, zip-top bag cannot be carried on.
  - Pack them in checked luggage or ship separately.
- All gifts should remain unwrapped until you reach your destination.
  - The TSA may need to remove wrapping to inspect the items.
- Wear comfortable clothing and shoes that are easy to remove.
- Do not pack valuables in checked luggage.

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### **Behind the Wheel:**

- Speed limits are strictly enforced for safety.
- Tune your radio to 530 AM for current parking conditions and traffic controls.
- Watch for cones, pedestrians and personnel.
- By law, drivers must stop for pedestrians in the striped crosswalks.
- Parking or waiting at the curb is strictly prohibited.
  - Park in the [Hourly Parking Lot](#) and greet guests personally.
  - Use the [Cell Phone Lot](#) to wait for guests.
    - Wait for guests to collect luggage prior to departing the lot to connect with your guests on the first pass.
- When parking at the airport, make sure that all valuables are stowed out of sight and that the vehicle doors are locked before proceeding to the terminal.

### **At the Airport:**

- Have your boarding pass and government-issued photo identification out when approaching the checkpoint.
- Put all belongings other than luggage into bins.
  - Remove your jacket or sweater.
  - Remove your shoes.
  - Make sure that all items with metal have been removed and placed in the bins.
  - Put your bag of liquids and gels on top of your other items.
- Make sure your belongings have entered the device and show your boarding pass before entering the detector.

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