

# GREATER ORLANDO AVIATION AUTHORITY

## MEDIA BULLETIN

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### **ORLANDO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ASSESSES POST-IRMA DAMAGE, PREPS FOR SERVICE RESUMPTION**



With Hurricane Irma moving out of the Orlando area, Orlando International Airport will phase-in limited commercial operations after a damage assessment, clean-up, repairs, airline schedules and availability of personnel have all been addressed.

Orlando International is currently targeting Tuesday, September 12, 2017 to resume **some limited** commercial service.

All passengers are advised to verify a confirmed seat assignment with their individual airlines **BEFORE** arriving at the airport.

Once winds diminished to a safe level Monday morning, airport personnel began assessing damage to the facility, cleaning up the airfield and testing key systems to bring them back on line.

The initial damage assessment and inspection identified multiple areas that required immediate attention:

- Water intrusions throughout the Main Terminal
- Torn canopies on departure and arrival curbs on both A & B sides of Main Terminal
- Debris and obstructions on airport roadway system

Preparing the airport for arriving and departing aircraft will also involve determining the availability of personnel and discussions with the airlines regarding scheduling. MCO staff will also collaborate with all integral airport partners to effect a safe, secure and expeditious resumption of service. This entire process could take several days to resume normal operations.

As of Monday, the earliest **limited** commercial flight operations are projected to resume would be Tuesday. After multiple days of cancelled flights, all passengers are advised to verify a confirmed seat assignment with their individual airline **before** arriving at the airport.

Prior to the arrival of the storm, airport employees were directed on when to return to work by their individual employers. They are urged to call company hotlines to confirm their status before returning to work. TSA employees should call 407-563-6681 for more information. Greater Orlando Aviation Authority personnel are scheduled to return on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 as long as it is safe to do so.

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