

# GREATER ORLANDO AVIATION AUTHORITY

## MEDIA BULLETIN

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### CLARIFICATION OF TOTAL NUMBER OF COVID-19 CASES AT ORLANDO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

*Greater Orlando Aviation Authority (GOAA) Chief Executive Officer Phil Brown has noticed confusion in the media surrounding the total number of COVID-19 cases reported at Orlando International Airport (MCO). Mr. Brown hopes the following statements clears up any misinterpretation of the data presented to the public.*

#### Recent Testing Event Data:

“I want to report to you the results of COVID-19 testing that the Florida Department of Health conducted at Orlando International Airport last week. Five hundred tests were performed over three days. Thus far, there have been **only two positive tests** from those 500. In discussion with Dr. Raul Pino, the Public Health Director for Orange County, it appears that is the extent of the results from those 500 tests. That would calculate to be a **0.4%** positivity rate for COVID-19 for those 500 tests. Dr. Pino also advised that he believes the use of masks and facial coverings at MCO and the observance of social distancing is a significant contributor to the low positivity rates.”

#### Overall Historic Airport Data:

“On June 6, Dr. Pino sent me information that tracked the positive COVID-19 tests for people employed at Orlando International Airport. Beginning in mid-March and through June 6 there were a total of 132 employees of all the airlines, rental car companies, the Transportation Security Administration, and the Aviation Authority that tested positive. **An additional 128 individuals that tested positive were not employees of the airport** but were linked (Epilinks) or traceable connections to the 132 individuals that work at MCO, for a total of 260 individuals. To put it in perspective, the 132 airport employees represent **0.6%** of the estimated 22,000 badged employees that work at MCO and those infections occurred over a period of roughly 2.5 months.”

“I hope this information clarifies what can be a confusing mix of data for the traveling public. We continue to work with all of our health department officials to ensure all is being done to keep the traveling public and our employees safe at Orlando International Airport.”

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