



SAFE TRAVEL FACTS

Santa Barbara Airport Addressing the COVID-19 Threat

Preventing Transmission

Santa Barbara Airport is focused on maintaining public confidence in the safety of travel. The Airport and the aviation industry are confident that the risk of contracting the COVID-19 virus during a visit to an airport or on a flight is no greater than with any other daily activity such as grocery shopping or going to work. Nonetheless, both the Airport and its airlines are taking extraordinary steps to prevent transmission of any communicable disease. These steps include:

- Airport staff have been advised to maintain a 'social distance' of 6 feet from others in order to avoid droplet spread from coughing or sneezing individuals – the known most common way to contract the virus.
- Sanitizer dispensers are deployed throughout the terminal for passenger use, refilled as needed.
- SBA typically has three custodial staff members on duty at all times, monitoring the terminal and sanitizing all surfaces that come in contact with passengers. These surfaces include escalator railings, handles, elevator buttons, armrests, etc.
- The Airport uses a foaming germicidal that will kill coronaviruses as well as a long list of viruses including E-coli, salmonella, HIV-1/AIDS, Herpes Simplex types 1 & 2, and all known forms of influenza.
- Airport Custodial staff are using paper (not cloth) for sterilizing surfaces. While in the short term it generates more waste, it minimizes the risk of virus transfer from one surface to another.
- Particular attention to cleanliness is focused on Airport restrooms due to frequent handwashing by passengers and employees. Signs encouraging frequent handwashing are posted in the restrooms.
- Restroom stall surfaces, including stall doors, handles, and porcelain surfaces are disinfected frequently. SBA's faucets and paper towel dispensers are 'touchless.'
- SBA Custodial staff are already educated as part of regular OSHA training about how to prevent the spread of infectious disease in their regular duties.
- The Airport restaurants have deployed aggressive cleaning and sanitation protocols. Menus are sterilized after each use. Tables, chairs and railings are also treated with germicidal spray with great frequency, particularly after departed flights.
- The Airlines and TSA are treating contact surfaces with germicidal sprays and in some instances wearing face masks where social distance to passengers may be more difficult.

Happening Now

Although SBA passenger volumes have appeared normal over the last number of days as media coverage has increasingly focused on the COVID-19 virus and travel, the Airport expects to see a softening of passenger volumes as other larger airports have been affected by concerns about virus transmission.

Today, there are no changes to scheduled flights at SBA

There are no general restrictions on domestic air travel

Airline and TSA staffing levels are consistent with anticipated numbers of Spring Break travelers

Airline staff are devoting additional time to cleansing and sterilizing surfaces in aircraft between flights.



Santa Barbara News & Gift owner Andy Martindale is frequently wiping down surfaces with disinfectant in the terminal shop.