



# **Bishop International Airport • FNT**

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## ***Press Release***

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## ***History is made at Flint Bishop as Allegiant begins first day of Base Operations***

**FLINT, MI.,** February 16, 2022 – Flint Bishop Airport is now a home base for Allegiant! It’s a historic day for Mid-Michigan as FNT has never been a base airport for a major commercial airline. Base operations officially started Wednesday morning with the 7:30 a.m. Allegiant departure to Punta Gorda/Fort Myers. It’s one of six Allegiant departing flights on the first day.

“Today is a big day for the airport and the entire community. We wouldn’t be here today without the community support and Allegiant’s commitment to Flint. It’s an amazing story of growth that we all played a role in writing,” said Nino Sapone, chief executive officer, Flint Bishop Airport. “The community has always rallied behind the airport, in good times and bad, and we’re grateful to Allegiant for this opportunity to give back to our community in the way of quality air service.”

Allegiant focuses on linking travelers in small-to-medium cities to world-class leisure destinations. The community was first introduced to Allegiant in 2016 with two nonstop routes. At the time of the announcement, in August of last year, FNT had eight nonstop routes. Since then, Allegiant has added THREE more routes; Boston starting March 10<sup>th</sup>, Jacksonville starting March 11<sup>th</sup>, and Savannah/Hilton Head starting April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Unlike most other airlines, Allegiant operates an “out-and-back” network, with exclusively nonstop flights - meaning each day’s flying starts and ends at a base, rather than connecting traffic through busy hub airports. The base at Flint Bishop will bring additional flexibility for flight times and future route opportunities, as locally-based crew members return home nightly to Flint.

Flint Bishop International Airport (FNT) is “Not the only way to fly. Just a better one”. Flint guarantees you all of the destination options of a larger airport, while flying from the comfort of a relaxing and beautiful facility. Flint features all-jet service, with flights provided by Allegiant, American, and United. Our airlines provide many nonstop flights to popular destinations across the country that will also connect you around the world, usually in one stop or less. For reservations and flight information from Flint, visit our website at [bishopairport.org](http://bishopairport.org).

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