

## Flint Bishop Airport Will Remain Open as a Critical Business Exception to Governor Whitmer's "Stay Home, Stay Safe" Executive Order

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(Flint, Michigan) Flint Bishop International Airport (FNT) will remain open as a "Critical Business Exception" to Governor Whitmer's "Stay Home, Stay Safe" Executive Order announced to begin March 24, 2020 at 12:01 am, and continue through April 13, 2020 at 11:59 pm.

The safety and security of our passengers and employees are our top priorities at Flint Bishop Airport. As such, Airport officials have developed an extensive set of contingency plans that support the existing "Epidemic Plan for Infectious Diseases" protocols. We are strictly adhering to the emergency response guidelines for first responders and our airport staff while they deal with the current health crisis in our community. Additionally, starting tomorrow, Flint Bishop Airport Police will begin temperature screenings of all personnel who enter the terminal building.

"Airports are vital to providing access to the national airspace system and provide significant economic and social value to our community," stated Airport Director, Nino Sapone. "As such, it is imperative that we remain as operationally capable as safety allows. Our staff and tenants are highly trained professionals who play a critical role ensuring the safety and security of the traveling public. Together we will remain resilient, flexible and adapt to the everyday challenges."

- Flint Bishop Cleaning Procedures: Please visit our COVID-19 webpage for more information on how we are protecting our passengers' safety: <u>https://www.bishopairport.org/business-fnt/news-and-information/covid-19</u>
- <u>Airlines:</u> We are experiencing some flight reductions. Please contact your airline for the most up-todate information. You can also view our current flight status here: <u>https://www.bishopairport.org/</u>

- Identification for Travel: Travelers with a state driver's license that expired beginning on March 1, 2020, and are not able to renew it at their state driver's license agency may still use it as acceptable identification at the checkpoint. TSA will accept expired driver's licenses a year after the expiration date, plus 60-days after the duration of the COVID-19 national emergency.
- **<u>Restaurants/Bars:</u>** Both JJ's Grill (landside) and the Gateway Grill (airside) will remain open with takeout service. Per Michigan's Executive Order, the Rochester Mills Bar on landside is closed, but the Sam Adams Bar on airside remains open.
- Gift Shops: The airside gift shop will remain open from 5am until the last flight departs.
- Car Rentals: They remain open.
- Economy Lot Closure: This lot is closed to new vehicle parking.
- <u>Economy Lot Booth</u>: The booth is unattended from 2am 8am. However, if there is a flight arriving late, the booth will remain open until the flight has arrived. Anyone who needs to exit while the lot is unattended must use the credit card lane.
- Economy Lot Shuttle Busses: They will not run between 2am 8am. This should not impact any incoming flights.
- **<u>FNT Visitor's Pass</u>**: This program is temporarily paused.

Thank you for your patience as we work together to provide the essential access the public needs to the aviation system during this critical time.

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, Delta 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 <u>bishopairport.org</u>

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