



PITTSBURGH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

ALLEGHENY COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY
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OFFICIAL D.O.T. **EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY** **PLAN**

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INTRODUCTION

Pittsburgh International Airport (PIT) has prepared this Emergency Contingency Plan pursuant to §42301 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012. Questions regarding this plan can be directed to Travis McNichols; Senior Vice President, Public Safety, Operations and Maintenance at TMcNichols@FlyPittsburgh.com or via regular mail at “Allegheny County Airport Authority; Pittsburgh International Airport; P.O. Box 12370; Pittsburgh, PA 15231-0370”. Pittsburgh International Airport is filing this plan with the Department of Transportation because (1) it is a commercial airport and/or (2) this airport may be used by an air carrier described in USC 42301(a)(1) for diversions.

This plan describes how, following excessive tarmac delays and to the extent practicable, PIT will:

- Provide for the deplanement of passengers;
- Provide for the sharing of facilities and make gates available at the airport; and
- Provide a sterile area following excessive tarmac delays for passengers who have not yet cleared United States Customs & Border Protection (CBP).

PIT requests that all air carriers notify Airport Operations when multiple diversions or any other type of irregular operations are anticipated and/or when any of these aircraft are being received. While this notification does not force the air carrier to take any further action at the time of notification, it allows the Airport Authority staff time to prepare for future requests for assistance or support from the air carriers. The notification also allows the Authority to provide up-to-date and current information to the passengers and flying public.

Operations involving excessive delays or an unusually high number of diversions or other irregular operations, punctuates the need for open dialogue among the air carriers, Airport Authority, government agencies, and other tenants at the airport.

AIRPORT INFORMATION

Name of Airport: **ALLEGHENY COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY
PITTSBURGH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

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Airport Category: **MEDIUM HUB**

CONTACT INFORMATION

In the event of diversion or other irregular operations events, aircraft operators should contact the Airport Operations Duty Manager at 412-472-5630 for assistance.



PLAN TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEPLANEMENT OF PASSENGERS FOLLOWING EXCESSIVE TARMAC DELAYS

Allegheny County Airport Authority (ACAA) maintains, but does not operate the ground support equipment required to safely deplane passengers onto the ramp or at a remote parking location in an emergency situation. Some air carriers and ground handlers do maintain the necessary equipment to conduct remote deplaning of passengers. While the remote deplaning of passengers is possible, the Airport Authority recommends passengers be deplaned through a contact gate and jetway to maximize passenger safety. ACAA Personnel are not trained to assist in the deplanement of passengers using ground support equipment (except in emergency situations involving life safety).

ACAA maintains a list of the equipment and resources available for deplaning passengers as well as contact information for ACAA, airlines, ground handlers and Fixed Base Operator (FBO) operations on the Airport. Once a request is received by ACAA from an Airline experiencing excessive tarmac delays, the list of air carriers, ground handlers, and FBOs who may be trained and equipped to safely assist in the deplaning of passengers, will be provided.

PLAN TO PROVIDE FOR THE SHARING OF FACILITIES AND MAKE GATES AVAILABLE IN AN EMERGENCY

ACAA maintains over 50 gates at PIT. Some of these gates are common use gates and are readily available for use by any carrier, including International gates with direct customs access. *(For maximum safety, the Airport Authority recommends passengers be deplaned through a Jetway.)*

Several air carriers have regular operations at PIT and operate additional gates for their exclusive operation. Air carriers without regular operations at PIT, who have code share or other pre-arranged agreements with air carriers who operate at PIT, may be able to utilize the gates or the services of that air carrier.

PIT has several de-icing pads, holding pads, taxiways and ramp space which can be utilized for the temporary holding of aircraft. The use of these areas or scheduling of gates should be coordinated through Airport Operations at 412-472-5630.

We will direct our common use gate lessees, permittees, or users to make gates available to an air carrier seeking to deplane at a gate to the maximum extent practicable. If additional gates are needed, we will work with tenant air carriers to try and make exclusive use gates and other facilities available to an air carrier seeking to deplane at a gate, during those time periods when the tenant airline is not using, or not scheduled to use, the gates, to the maximum extent practicable.

PLAN TO PROVIDE A STERILE AREA FOR PASSENGERS WHO HAVE NOT CLEARED UNITED STATES CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION

PIT has defined sterile areas capable of accommodating a limited number of international passengers. PIT, CBP and TSA officials have developed a local procedure that will allow international passengers, who have not yet cleared United States Customs and Border Protection, to be deplaned into one of the sterile areas to the extent practicable.

PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY PLAN

PIT will provide public access to its emergency contingency plan through one or more of the following means:



- Posting in a conspicuous location on the airport website (www.flypittsburgh.com)
- Providing notice of the availability of the plan on the airport's social media accounts.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Allegheny County Airport Authority

Airport Operations 412-472-5630

Emergencies 911

Customs and Border Protection 412-472-0808

Transportation Security Administration

Coordination Center 412-714-0562

Note: ACAA Airport Operations and the TSA Coordination Center are always available for immediate assistance to any situation, inquiry, or emergency.

