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### **Horry County Department of Airports Holiday Travel Expectations and Tips**

**Myrtle Beach, SC, December 21, 2018** – Myrtle Beach International Airport (MYR) anticipates a slight increase in passenger volumes, compared to last year, on Saturday, December 22, 2018 and Wednesday, December 26, 2018.

Based on published airline schedules, potential passenger counts at the Myrtle Beach International Airport (MYR) on Saturday, December 22, 2018 and Wednesday, December 26, 2018 are anticipated to be the busiest days at the airport during the holiday season. In comparison to same day last year, seat counts are scheduled to be up four-percent and three-percent respectively over last year.

“While we do not expect long lines at the Myrtle Beach International Airport, it is important passengers arrive two-hours prior their schedule departure time,” said Scott Van Moppes, director of airports. “Arriving two-hours prior departure time will allow passengers time to find a parking spot, check-in with their airline and process through the TSA security checkpoint. In addition to arriving early, we strongly encourage passengers to visit [TSA.gov](http://TSA.gov) and their airlines website to understand bag size restrictions, flying with animals, traveling with holiday’s leftovers and more. Finally, while MYR might not be crowded, airports around the country could be – remember to practice patience during this holiday season.”

#### Holiday Travel Tips:

- **Boarding Passes.** Check in online in advance and print your boarding pass. TSA accepts mobile boarding passes, but having a printed pass can be helpful if a mobile device experiences power or connectivity issues;
- **Planning Ahead.** Travelers should reconfirm airline flight status with their carrier, not the airport, prior coming to the airport as schedules may change due to weather or other factors;
- **TSA Travel Tips.** <https://www.tsa.gov/blog/2018/12/18/asktsa-your-holiday-travel-questions-answered>
- **Airport.** Arrive at the Airport a minimum of 120-minutes prior to departure.

**About the Myrtle Beach International Airport (MYR)** The Myrtle Beach International Airport is the gateway to Myrtle Beach, SC and the Grand Strand. The Myrtle Beach International Airport is owned by Horry County and operated by the Department of Airports. MYR is served by Allegiant, American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Elite Airways, Frontier Airlines, Porter Airlines, Spirit, United Airlines and WestJet. Learn more at: [www.flymyrtlebeach.com](http://www.flymyrtlebeach.com)

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