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DFW AIRPORT FLIGHT OPERATIONS UPDATE

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On Wednesday, DFW Airport operated at 77 percent of its normal flight operations. A total of 1,764 flights were recorded, compared to the Airport's average number of 2,300 daily flight operations.

Thursday, DFW Airport resumed flight operations at only 13 percent. Friday, the Airport operated at more than 50 percent, with Saturday's numbers increasing to 60. Sunday's operations jumped to 74 percent, Monday's rose to 77.5, and Tuesday's numbers increased to 80 percent. Wednesday's operations dipped slightly by only 3 percent from Tuesday's numbers. A slight decrease in operations remains consistent with normal Airport operations fluctuations.

"Even in normal conditions, we expect to see fluctuations – upward and downward – in the number of daily flight operations," said Jim Crites, Executive Vice President Operations at DFW Airport. "We operate on a variable number of flight operations each day and are pleased with the operations trend at DFW. With the airlines planning to trim their flight numbers, we know it will take several months for DFW and other airports across the nation to return to our previous daily average."

The Airport continues to urge travelers to check with their airlines for the latest flight information.

Only the first rows of terminal garage parking, both upper and lower levels, are not available at this time.

For those picking up or dropping off passengers, you may continue to do so at terminal curbsides as long as someone remains in the car at all times and the car is in designated loading and unloading areas. Any car left unattended at the terminal curbsides or parked illegally will be towed immediately.

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