

PRESS RELEASE

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Martha's Vineyard Airport Commission – COVID-19 Statement

Vineyard Haven, MA - The Martha's Vineyard Airport Commission (MVAC) is continuing to monitor the COVID-19 situation and work with public health officials regarding the best practices associated with preventing the spread of COVID-19. As we navigate the evolving impact of this virus, we remain committed to protecting our guests, stakeholders, team members and community.

The MVAC supports the joint statement released by the Martha's Vineyard Hospital and Nantucket Cottage Hospital, and encourages people to avoid unnecessary travel in order to curb the spread of COVID-19. However, as a key transportation center for the island, and as required by the FAA, MVY is open. The MVY team remains committed to its mission - providing a safe and secure airport facility in support of the U.S. airport system, national defense and emergency operations.

To-date, the following operational changes have been instituted at the airport and will remain in place until further notice:

GA Terminal & Airport Administration

- The FBO is open with minimal staffing, however, the FBO/GA terminal building is closed to the public
- Airport administration staff is conducting business, during regular business hours, via telephone and email

Air Carriers & Passenger Terminal

- The commercial passenger terminal is open & enhanced cleaning protocols are being used
- Cape Air continues to serve the island. Passengers are encouraged to visit the carrier's website at www.capeair.com or to contact Cape Air at **1-800-CAPE AIR** with questions regarding flight schedules and reservations

Restaurant & Rental Cars

- The Plane View restaurant will be CLOSED – take-out service WILL NO LONGER be available beginning at 2 PM Wednesday, March 25 until further notice
- Rental Car service counter hours vary – please contact your rental car provider directly for service and availability

MVAC

- The MVAC meetings will be held via teleconference. Public access information will be provided with the meeting notice. No meetings are currently scheduled until April 2.

To-date this month, MVY has hosted 293 non-based aircraft landings, of which, 32 were jets. Boston MedFlights and Angel Flights may be included in this number. Additionally, this number may include non-jet aircraft "touch & go" activity – which is when an aircraft touches down on the runway; then immediately takes off. The airport also does not track general aviation arriving or departing passenger traffic.

The MVAC will continue to monitor the situation, take precautions as necessary and communicate any impact to airport operations as soon as it is available.

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