



## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### FOR PLANNING PURPOSES

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#### **TSA, SLC officials to discuss summer travel outlook, changes to screening procedures due to COVID-19 and highlight increase in number of firearms brought by travelers to the SLC security checkpoint in carry-on luggage**

SALT LAKE CITY - Ahead of what is anticipated to be a busy summer travel season, officials with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and Salt Lake City International Airport (SLC) will host a media availability on Tuesday, May 18 at 10 a.m. to discuss what those who are planning to travel by air in the coming months need to know. This is the first summer travel season for the new SLC terminal and helpful navigation and other tips will be provided.

TSA will provide an overview of its summer travel readiness plan as well as modifications to screening procedures due to COVID-19. TSA will also discuss the significant increase in the number of firearms brought by travelers in carry-on luggage to the security checkpoint this year. Airport law enforcement and TSA will give an overview of the penalties travelers face for bringing a firearm to the checkpoint as well as conduct a demonstration on how to properly pack a firearm for travel on a commercial aircraft.

All of this information will be useful for those who have not traveled recently, but are planning to do so in the coming months. You will also have an opportunity to get updated photos and b-roll of the TSA security screening process at SLC.

**The federal requirement to wear a mask anywhere in the nation's transportation system remains in effect, so please remember to wear a mask.**

- WHO:** Nancy Volmer, SLC Director of Communication and Marketing  
Stefhan Bennett, Captain, Airport Division, Salt Lake City Police Department  
Lorie Dankers, TSA spokeswoman
- WHAT:** Summer travel outlook  
Security screening modifications  
Traveling with a firearm: penalties and demonstration
- WHEN:** **Tuesday, May 18, 2021**  
**10 a.m.**
- WHERE:** Salt Lake City International Airport  
Terminal 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, The Canyon overlook  
The media lot will be open for parking.

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