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CDA Web Alert

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Festive Holiday Travel Experience Awaits O'Hare and Midway Travelers

The Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) is gearing up for the busy Thanksgiving holiday travel period this week with live entertainment and festive decorations for travelers at O'Hare and Midway International Airports. More than 1.8 million passengers are expected to travel through Chicago's airports between November 22 and November 29.

Both airports are now decorated for the holiday season, creating a warm, festive and fun atmosphere for passengers.

At O'Hare, red and green sweeps of fabric, large ornaments and stars are suspended from the ceilings, and ornament curtains adorn the windows. In addition, holiday trees decorated by City of Chicago cultural institutions are placed throughout the terminals and baggage claim areas at O'Hare.

At Midway, large musical instrument decorations and ball ornaments are suspended from the ceiling, and holiday trees are located in the baggage claim area.

Special holiday activities during Thanksgiving travel period...

Live blues and jazz bands will perform tomorrow, November 24, from 2 to 5 p.m. Performances at O'Hare will take place beyond the security checkpoints in each domestic terminal and in the Arrivals Level of International Terminal 5. Entertainment at Midway will take place in the Baggage Claim area.

At Midway, Airport Ambassadors will provide complimentary hot cocoa to travelers just past the security checkpoint tomorrow and on Sunday, November 28 from 2 to 7 p.m.

Staff from the Chicago Children's Museum will offer special activities in the "Kids on the Fly" play area in Terminal 2 at O'Hare tomorrow from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The CDA hosts a variety of fun, festive entertainment programming at O'Hare and Midway throughout the year to celebrate City-wide events and holidays. The CDA will host more holiday special events and activities in December.

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The Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) is self-supporting, using no local or state tax dollars for operations or capital improvements at O'Hare and Midway International airports. Together, Chicago's airports generate more than \$45 billion in annual economic activity and create 540,000 jobs for the region. Please visit www.flychicago.com to learn more about the Chicago Department of Aviation.

The CDA continues to incorporate and expand sustainable initiatives for airport planning, operations and maintenance, and concessions and tenants in accordance with the CDA Sustainable Airport Manual (SAM) Version 2.0, released in November 2010. To view case studies, lessons learned and new technologies, and for more information on the SAM, please visit www.airportgoinggreen.org.

The O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP), introduced by Mayor Richard M. Daley in June 2001, transforms O'Hare's airfield from an outdated system of intersecting runways into a modern parallel runway configuration. The program will reduce overall delays at the Airport by 79 percent, and bad weather delays

by 95 percent. It will create 195,000 new jobs and \$18 billion in additional economic activity each year. Please visit www.oharemodernization.org to learn more about the OMP.

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