Dayton International Airport remains open during COVID-19 emergency

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The Dayton International Airport (DAY) remains open and flights are operating, however airlines throughout the country are beginning to cancel flights due to low passenger loads. Daily passenger traffic from DAY has drastically decreased, in line with the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines.

The airport is taking extra steps to help keep travelers safe during the COVID-19 crisis, including increased cleaning and sanitizing procedures:

* DAY uses the appropriate cleaning agents to kill germs.
* Increased intensity and frequency of disinfecting hard surfaces and high-touch areas throughout the airport.
* Increased cleaning efforts in the restrooms and other public areas.
* Public restrooms are supplied with soap and towels.
* Additional hand sanitizing stations are installed throughout the airport.
* Staff has been reassigned as necessary to ensure key areas are continuously disinfected and properly maintained.
* Employees are asked to work from home if their job allows.
* Essential personnel will continue to work from the airport to maintain a safe operation.
* Employees are asked to stay at home if they do not feel well.

Following the direction of Gov. Mike DeWine to enforce social distancing and reduce the spread of COVID-19, the following DAY restaurants are temporarily out of service until further notice: MVP Sports Bar & Grill, Max & Erma’s, Quiznos, illy Caffe, both Starbucks locations, and the 12th Fairway Bar and Grill. Heritage Booksellers and the CNBC Kiosk are closed as well. The Great American Bagel will remain open, although with no seating. March 13th marked the closing of all USO Airport Centers until further notice.

With changes related to COVID-19 occurring frequently, visit [Public Health Dayton & Montgomery County](https://www.phdmc.org), [Ohio Department of Health](https://ohiodoh.org) and [the CDC](https://www.cdc.gov) online for more information. For the most up-to-date information regarding flight status, please visit airline websites.

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About Dayton International Airport
Located near the "Crossroads of the America" - Interstates 70 and 75 - the Dayton International Airport (DAY) provides air service to travelers to and from Southwest Ohio. The DAY mission is to contribute to the prosperity of Southwest Ohio by connecting it to the rest of the world through our aviation system. Airport staff provide an enjoyable travel experience making DAY an easy to and through experience. For more information about the Dayton International Airport, visit flydayton.com or call 937-454-8200.