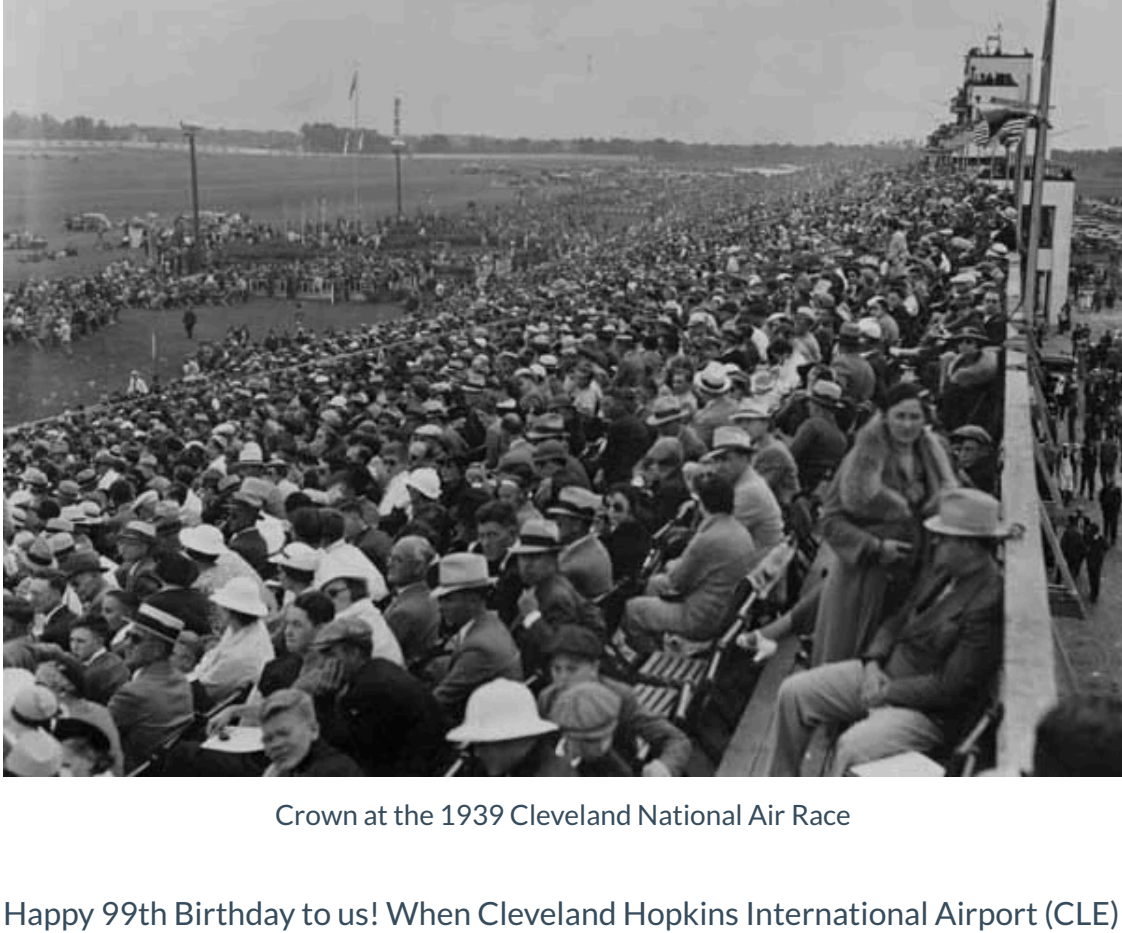




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Happy 99th Birthday, CLE!



Crown at the 1939 Cleveland National Air Race

Happy 99th Birthday to us! When Cleveland Hopkins International Airport (CLE) opened on July 1st, 1925, it was the first municipally-owned airport in the country. That was only the beginning of firsts that CLE would obtain in the aviation industry.

In just a few short years after opening, CLE became the site of the first air traffic control tower, the first ground-to-air radio control system and the first to have an airfield lighting system. It was also the first to use a two-level design separating arrivals and departures.

The National Air Races came to Cleveland for the first time in 1929. The ten-day event, held in late August and early September, proved to be wildly successful, and the Air Races returned to Cleveland in 1931, '32, '34, '35, '37, '38, '39, '46, '47, '48, and '49. The event drew big names in aviation at the time, including Amelia Earhart.

In 1968, CLE also became the first airport to be directly connected to a local or regional rail transit system. Many of the accomplishments that started here in Cleveland went on to become commonplace at airports around the country and the globe.

In 1951, on William R. Hopkins' birthday, the airport was named after its founder.

As CLE turns 100 next July, we are anticipating the beginnings of our Terminal Modernization Development Program (TMDP) with great excitement. The TMDP will execute the Airport's Master Plan and will be a transformational change to modernize our facilities and how they operate. It will usher in a new era for CLE and be a catalyst for economic prosperity in the region. We look forward to the bright future of our airport and another 100 years of service to the region.

Tides are Shifting as CLE Nears 1 Million Passengers in June



Cleveland Hopkins International Airport (CLE) welcomed nearly a million passengers in June, with the final totals showing 987,508 passengers flying in and out of CLE.

The swell of passengers is an increase of almost 7 percent over June of last year and in increase of 2.4 percent over 2019, the last year before the pandemic, which CLE had experienced some of the highest passenger traffic in years.

Year to date through June, we have had over 5 million passengers, which is just over 8 percent more than last year and 2.4 percent more than 2019.

"TSA has been screening record numbers of travelers nationwide, and we are experiencing peak activity in Cleveland as well," said Bryant L. Francis, C.M., Director of Port Control. "We are also seeing a shift in airline market share, which directly relates to revenue passengers served, with Frontier Airlines taking the top spot for the first time during the month."

As the numbers continue to rise, so does Frontier Airlines. For the month of June, for the first time, Frontier had more passengers than any other airline utilizing CLE at 22.42 percent of the passenger traffic.

So far, CLE's 2024 passenger forecast is on target for the year, even ahead by 1 percent. The annual forecast predicts 10,250,000 million passengers this year.

CLEAR Now Offers TSA PreCheck Enrollment

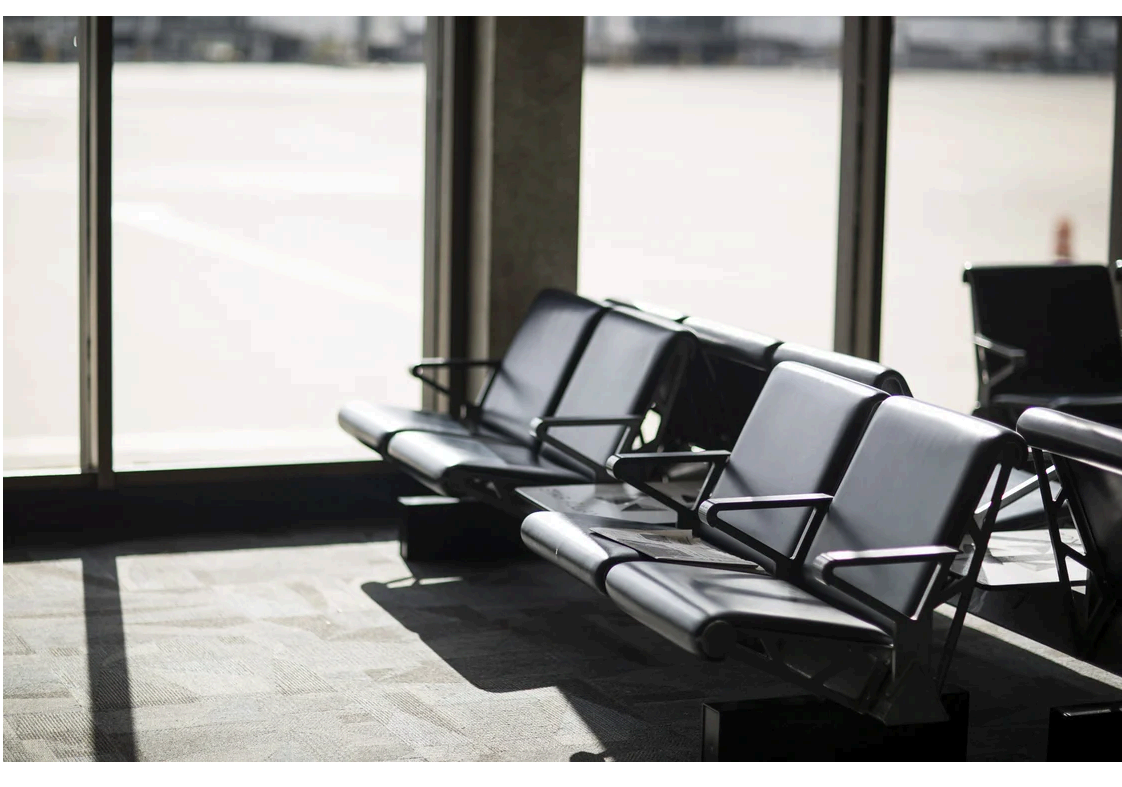
Earlier this month, CLEAR announced the launch of seven new TSA PreCheck enrollment locations across the United States, including Cleveland Hopkins International Airport.

"With an increase in passengers flowing through our checkpoints, TSA PreCheck offers a more efficient option for our guests to get through security," said Bryant L. Francis, C.M., Director of Port Control. "It has been proven that TSA PreCheck guests experience a shorter wait time with less hassle."

TSA PreCheck members benefit from the convenience of keeping shoes, belts and light jackets on through the security checkpoint, and keeping electronics and 3-1-1 compliant liquids in carry-on bags. Members typically get through security screening much faster, with about 99% of members waiting less than 10 minutes at airport checkpoints nationwide.

Guests can enroll in-person at CLE from Monday through Sunday from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily at any CLEAR kiosk on the ticketing level.

Keeping Our Airport CLEan



Cleveland Hopkins International Airport (CLE) is asking you to help keep our airport CLEan!

As Clevelanders, we are notorious for having pride in our city. With the airport being the first and last impression many area visitors have of our city, we at CLE strive for that first and last look to be a positive one.

As our passenger numbers continue to grow, so does the amount of trash items left in the gate spaces, on the restroom floors and in other locations throughout the terminal.

Help us maintain a welcoming and inviting environment by checking around you and discarding trash in the appropriate receptacles. Please take a moment to wipe the counter area you used in the restroom...and also, please let a member of our airport team know if you see an area requiring immediate attention. You'll see our custodial team in blue shirts with our CLEan logo on the back, but feel free to speak with any airport employee.

While our staff is working hard to ensure a great experience for you and our other guests, they simply cannot be everywhere at all times. By working together, we can provide all of our guests a positive and welcoming experience during their time with us. As a valued airport user, that includes you.

Safety Training for a Better CLE Work Environment

At the heart of any safe working environment lies a comprehensive employee health and safety training program - a vital initiative that transcends standard safety procedures and aims to instill a deep-rooted sense of vigilance and responsibility for hazards by employees in the workplace. Over the last six months, Cleveland Hopkins International Airport (CLE) has conducted a robust safety training program that goes beyond basic guidelines to ensure a well-rounded approach to workplace safety. By participating in this program, employees and managers alike have gained invaluable insights into preventing accidents and handling emergencies effectively while working at CLE.

"This training not only meets regulatory safety standards, but it also cultivates a safety-first mindset, making it a crucial part of maintaining a healthy and secure work environment," said Alyssa Biondo, Interim Airport Health and Safety Manager. "This training also poses as a vital tool in diminishing the incident rate of workplace accidents by sharpening focus on potential hazards and implementing prevention strategies."



Safety training at CLE is more than a checklist of safety measures; it's an immersive educational journey, custom-tailored to address the distinct risks and challenges in the airport environment. It empowers each employee to become an active agent in safeguarding their work environment, fostering a collective commitment to health and safety that resonates through every level of the organization. Employee safety training thus serves as a foundational pillar in building not just a compliant, but a genuinely safe-conscious and resilient workplace culture.

Some of the trainings that staff have participated in include Confined Space Entry, Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER), Fall Protection, and NFPA 70E.



By introducing a deeper understanding of what establishes a potential safety hazard, and then how to effectively manage it, employee safety training plays a fundamental role in not just how staff respond to accidents, but it also proactively supports preventing them from happening. This shift towards a proactive safety culture not only reduces the likelihood of injuries, but also promotes a more secure and conscientious workplace environment for all.

Safety training is not just a legal requirement; it is an investment in the success and longevity of an organization. By prioritizing safety through comprehensive training programs, CLE can prevent accidents, protect employees, enhance productivity, and cultivate a positive working environment. Safety is the responsibility of every employee, and everyone is required to participate in activities to ensure a safe working environment. We can all work together to ensure that everyone goes home at the end of the day.

Watch for more stories like these that share information about DPC and our airports. We hope that as you read articles in this, and future issues of, The Hopkins Approach, you'll think about how the stories demonstrate a connection to, and fulfillment of, some aspect of DPC's Mission, Vision, Values, RESPECT Model, and/or our Strategic Priorities.



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