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## **Coronavirus Update for Department of Aviation Employees and Airport Partners**

As news of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) continues to evolve, know that Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) and our federal and local partners are working closely together to help manage and mitigate the spread of the virus in our environment.

On Monday evening, Governor Brian Kemp, Department of Public Health (DPH) Commissioner Dr. Kathleen Toomey and state officials confirmed Georgia's first cases of COVID-19 involving two individuals in Fulton County. Airport General Manager John Selden, who along with the Mayor's Director of Emergency Preparedness has been appointed to the Governor's Coronavirus Task Force, joined a conference call with the Governor Monday night. It was confirmed that one of the COVID-19 patients recently returned from a visit to Milan, Italy and immediately notified medical officials upon exhibiting symptoms. The second person lives in the same household with that patient. Dr. Toomey asserted that they do not believe that the patient was infectious in flight.

The safety of our employees, passengers and those of our partners, remains our top priority. Our partners consist of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), the Transportation and Security Administration (TSA), AATC, airlines, contractors and concessionaires.

At this time, the risk of transmission remains low. Governor Kemp stresses that Georgians should remain calm and vigilant. As this is a rapidly evolving public health issue, the CDC will continue to conduct enhanced screenings of passengers exhibiting symptoms. The agency encourages all to follow these precautions:

- Avoid close contact with sick individuals
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available
- Stay home if you are ill

The CDC does <u>not</u> recommend wearing a mask if you are <u>not</u> sick. Only people who show symptoms of COVID-19 should use facemasks to help prevent the spread of the disease.

Note: The cleaning agents used to sterilize all public areas of the Airport are both environmentally safe and effective against the virus. As a collective team, we have implemented measures that include: increased frequency of cleaning of public areas; contractual agreements with biohazard vendors;



education and training of employees; signage for guidance and education, and public messages on digital displays and CNN monitors.

The Airport coordinates daily with Public Health, CDC and other agencies for updates, additional guidance and instructions. For more information on the virus, visit the following:

https://dph.georgia.gov/novelcoronavirus https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

Thank you for your continued vigilance.