

American Airports Corporation

Whiteman Airport

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Standing Meetings and Events

All meetings and events are canceled until further notice

2021 Aviation Commission Meetings

January 27 2021 Virtual Meeting

Please check the website for up to date information

<https://dpw.lacounty.gov/avi/airports/AviationCommission.aspx>

City Council Call to Close Whiteman Airport — Following the November 12, 2020, crash just off the approach end of Runway 12, the local Los Angeles City Councilmember announced she would be calling for the closure of the airport. Los Angeles County board of Supervisors passed a motion in early December calling for a new Master Plan for the airport, along with environmental impact studies. The Los Angeles City Council, two days later, unanimously approved a motion to close the airport and directed a feasibility study to determine if this is possible. Now is the time to contact your local Los Angeles City Councilmember, if you live in the City of Los Angeles, and your Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Representative, if you live anywhere within Los Angeles County, to express your position on the airport and its value to the community.

Impact of COVID-19 on Whiteman Airport — Things really took off with COVID 19 after Thanksgiving. As a result we have been placed under some of the strictest limits on our lives since this all began. Unfortunately, the number of cases, hospitalizations and deaths have soared. Vaccines are starting to be administered but the number that need to be given is staggering. Since the mandate is to share this with the world, vaccine manufactures will be very busy for a very long time. Our offices remain closed except for those things requiring in person contact, such as new hangar or tie down contracts, written driving tests and new gate key applications. Everything else can be handled over the phone.

Remember, facemasks are required, whenever we are outside in contact with other people and are mandatory to enter the building and conduct business. Aviation and related business are considered essential business and remain open.

Things from Around the Airport

The Winds Have Been Blowing Make Sure Your Plane is Safe — In December we had several days where the Santa Ana winds were fierce! We experienced wind gusts in excess of 50 MPH. We found a few planes which were left by their owners unsecured. In one case the plane was not parked in their assigned spot and just left in a tie down which did not have chains. If you take a look at your operator's manual may full gross weight stall speeds below 50 MPH and even lower at lighter weights. What does that mean? When the wind exceeds the stall speed, the aircraft WILL FLY. I would not want to be responsible for my aircraft hitting another aircraft, flipping over or damaging any other property. We tied down those aircraft for the protection of all involved. I also found an aircraft where the owner had left a cowling unfastened and the hinged cowling was beating against itself. Left as it was, it would have eventually torn the metal and departed the airplane. This would have been several hundreds of dollars damage to the cowling and an unknown amount of damage to other aircraft. I secured the cowling. In addition to tying down the aircraft, chocking the tires would have prevented the side load on the tie down ring, which is now bent. I had the ring snap off my

172 during high winds at Whiteman a number of years ago.

Flying Friendly — One area we can have a positive impact on the community is noise abatement. So, what does that mean? Noise abatement is an effort to minimize the impact of the noise we generate while flying has on the people on the ground. I have spent my entire life living under the flight path of aircraft approaching or departing an airport. As a child I lived in Van Nuys along the approach and departure path for Burbank Runway 8/26. This was in the days of Super Charged Radials and Stage 1 Jets. I would have to stop talking until the planes passed. I currently live under Van Nuys approach for 16R/34L and am at about the point where the charter jets drop their gear, lots of interesting sounds when that happens. I see pilots who seem to make it a regular practice to fly the length of the Whiteman runway at 20-30 feet before pulling up at full power making lots of noise unnecessarily. If we climb at Vx while over the runway and transition to Vy, or faster, after gaining altitude it will help to reduce the noise on the ground. High speed passes are another example of not flying neighborly. Flying the approach at 150 knots passing over the field at 10 feet and pulling up at high power to enter the pattern may be fun, but it is not a neighborly thing to do for those who live nearby. Please fly safe and neighborly

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Airport Display Days

KWHP

Every 2nd Sunday
10AM-2PM

KPOC

Every 3rd Sunday
10AM-2PM

KCPM

Every 1st
Saturday and Sunday
10AM-2PM

KEMT

Every 4th Sunday
9AM-1PM

KWJF

Every 2nd Saturday
All Day

Available for Lease

Whiteman Airport (818-896-5271)

Hangars (790sf) starting at
\$355.71/month



Brackett Field Airport (909-593-1395)

Standard Hangars (1013sf)
starting at \$438.00/mo



Compton/Woodley Airport (310-631-8140)

Half Hangars starting at
\$194.93/month



San Gabriel Valley Airport (626-448-6129)

Half Hangars starting at
\$152.19/month



Fox Airfield (661-940-1709)

Half Hangars starting at
\$137.59/month

Spotlight On

FAA Clears Pilots, Controllers to Take Pfizer Coronavirus Vaccine

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The FAA has cleared pilots and air traffic controllers to take the Pfizer coronavirus vaccine as long as they take 48 hours away from the cockpit or console to clear any immediate side effects. The agency issued a news release on Saturday, the day after the FDA gave emergency use authorization for the vaccine, which is now being distributed throughout the country. "To maintain the highest level of safety in the National Airspace System, the agency will require aviation professionals with medical certifications or medical clearances to observe a period of 48 hours following the administration of this vaccine before conducting safety-sensitive aviation duties, such as flying or controlling air traffic," the news release said. The waiting period applies for the administration of both doses of the vaccine, which occur 21 days apart.

Last week, the Air Line Pilots Association raised concerns over whether taking the vaccine would medically disqualify members and the FAA said it would wait for the outcome of a committee meeting of the FDA on the new vaccine to issue its ruling. The FDA gave the emergency use authorization late Friday with an age limit of 16 or older and cautions for certain people with severe allergies or some underlying conditions. Common side effects for most people are soreness at the injection site and fatigue, chills, headache and body aches. They are apparently more pronounced after the second dose. The FAA took pains to explain that it's not trying to cast doubt about the safety or effectiveness of the vaccine now that the FDA has signed off on it. "The FAA encourages Americans to receive COVID-19 vaccinations as authorized by FDA," the agency said. "This policy announcement pertains to a specialized group of FAA-certificated professionals who perform safety-sensitive aviation duties."

The FAA said it doesn't expect to take any further action about the vaccine but it will also monitor the clinical data in coming months and "will adjust these recommendations as needed." The agency will assess the FDA's findings on each of the vaccines expected from other pharmaceutical companies in coming weeks and months and will issue guidance for each

Aircraft Display Days – Aircraft Display Day will be held on Sunday January 10, 2020. Members of the Association hope to be present to sign paperwork. The following COVID 19 rules will be in place. **Face Mask Required, Six Feet Social and Physical Distancing Mandatory, Bring Your Own Pen. No Congregating Allowed.** The current plan is to conduct the signings under the cover in front of the CAP building. Six foot markings will be placed on the ground for proper spacing. Please adhere to the markings and keep everyone safe. **Watch for an announcement from the Whiteman Airport Association, since regulations are changing on a daily basis.**

American Airports Contract with LA County– As most of you are aware, the 30-year contract for airport management services AAC has with the County of Los Angeles concludes on March 31st of next year. The County has announced their intent to insource/self-perform the day-to-day management of the County-owned airports and plan on using a new County hangar agreement for the month-to-month aircraft storage hangars at the airports. The County has expressed their intent to have people sign new hangar agreements prior to March 31st. Please see the link below to refresh your knowledge regarding the FAA's definition aeronautical use of airport hangars and we will update you on the process of signing new hangar agreements as the information becomes available.

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2016-06-15/pdf/2016-14133.pdf>

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