

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Winter Weather

Q: What is the airport's role during inclement weather?

A: The airport's first priority during winter weather is to keep the runways, taxiways and ramps clear and safe for air travel. In addition, the airport focuses on maintaining the terminal roadways, parking areas and sidewalks to allow easy access for passengers.

Q: Does the airport ever close during winter storms?

A: During most weather events, the airport does not close. In the event that a portion of the airfield needs to be cleared of snow or ice, there may be a short interruption to operations. The airport terminal building remains open daily regardless of winter storms.

Q: Does the airport decide which flights will be cancelled?

A: No. Cancellation decisions are made by the individual airline. Be sure to check with your airline before arriving to the airport for the most up-to-date flight information.

Q: Bad weather is being predicted. Will my airline let me change my flight plans?

A: Always consult with your airline during bad weather if you need to change your itinerary. On occasion, airlines will post travel advisories on their websites that will list particular cities that may be affected by bad weather and will offer relaxed change fees for those travelers looking to make changes. In the event a traveler would like to change their itinerary, the easiest way to typically do so is through their airline website or mobile app.

Q: Who handles the de-icing of airplanes?

A: During winter weather, it is essential for the airlines to remove the snow, ice or frost from the surface of the airplane to ensure safe flight operations. Each airline handles its own de-icing operations. De-icing airplanes is a highly-regulated process that is carefully implemented and controlled by each airline in accordance with their corporate policies. The airlines also are responsible for providing their own de-icing equipment.

Q: How long does it take to de-ice an airplane?

A: The de-icing process will vary depending on multiple factors such as the size of the airplane, weather conditions and the length of time the airplane has been exposed to those weather conditions.

Q: Who controls the movement of airplanes on the airfield?

A: The Federal Aviation Administration oversees the movement of airplanes on the airfield and in the skies.

Q: What are some tips when traveling during winter weather?

A: Always check with your airline before coming to the airport to make sure your flight is on schedule. Travelers can easily check their flight status via their airline website and mobile apps. Keep in mind that while weather in Lexington may be fine, weather in your connecting city or final destination may affect your flight.

Q: Is covered parking available so my vehicle is protected from the storms?

A: Blue Grass Airport has an onsite, covered parking garage located steps from the terminal, in addition to several surface lots and valet parking. If you are returning from a trip and need assistance in removing snow or ice from your car, be sure to stop by the Information Center in the main terminal lobby to borrow an ice scraper.