

## 7411 NEWARK LIBERTY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY PLAN

Newark Liberty International Airport has prepared this Emergency Contingency Plan pursuant to §42301 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012. Questions regarding this plan can be addressed to James Gill, General Manager, NJ Airports, at: [jgill@panynj.gov](mailto:jgill@panynj.gov). Newark Liberty International Airport is filing this plan with the Department of Transportation because it is both a commercial airport and could also be used by an air carrier described in USC 42301(a)(1) for diversions.

This plan describes how, following excessive tarmac delays and to the extent practicable, Newark Liberty International Airport will

- Provide for the deplanement of passengers
- Provide for the sharing of facilities and make gates available at the airport; and
- Provide a sterile area following excessive tarmac delays for passengers who have not yet cleared United States Customs & Border Protection (CBP).

Newark Liberty International Airport has facility constraints that limit our ability to maintain the airport's safe operation and accommodate diverted flights. We strongly encourage aircraft operators to contact Newark Airport Operations at 973-961-6015 for prior coordination of diverted flights, except in the case of an in-flight emergency. Specific facility constraints include the following: All gates are not controlled by the airport operator, the airport operator does not operate any ground service equipment, during peak hours all contact gates may be occupied, and there are a very limited number of aircraft parking positions. We have noted these constraints in Newark Liberty International Airport's Airport/Facility Directory record. During diversion events, Newark Liberty International Airport issues NOTAMs regarding its ability to accommodate diverted flights to ensure the safe and efficient operation of the airport and its ability to serve the civil aviation needs of the public during irregular operations events.

### **Airport Information**

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Airport Category: Large Hub

### **Contact Information**

In the event of diversion or other irregular operations events, aircraft operators should contact Airport Operations at 973-961-6015 for assistance.

### **Plan to Provide for the Deplanement of Passengers Following Excessive Tarmac Delays**

Newark Liberty International Airport has very few resources required to safely deplane passengers from air carrier aircraft. In the event an aircraft operator cannot access a contact gate, requests for assistance with deplaning long tarmac delayed passengers should be made well in advance to Airport Operations at 973-961-6015. Operations will arrange for stairs or ramps to connect to the aircraft as well as busses to transport passengers to the terminal or FIS areas.

The Port Authority does not operate ground handling equipment and therefore cannot remove luggage and cargo from an aircraft. We will provide aircraft operators with a list of qualified service providers that can assist with these services. This list can be obtained by calling Operations.

### **Plan to Provide for the Sharing of Facilities and Make Gates Available in an Emergency**

Seventeen gates at Newark Liberty International Airport are common use gates and are controlled by the airport. All other gates at Newark Liberty International Airport are under preferential and/or exclusive leases to air carriers and are not fully controlled by the airport. We will make the common use gates available to an air carrier seeking to deplane at a gate, to the maximum extent practicable taking into consideration gate availability and securing of ground handling services. If additional gates are needed, we will work with tenant air carriers to make preferential and/or exclusive use gates and other facilities available to an air carrier seeking to deplane at a gate, during those time periods when the tenant airline is not using, or not scheduled to use, the gate, to the maximum extent practicable. Should a gate not be available, passengers will deplane the aircraft from a remote parking location and will be transported to the terminal via bus.

### **Plan to Provide a Sterile Area Following Excessive Tarmac Delays for Passengers Who Have Not Cleared United States Customs and Border Protection**

Newark Liberty International Airport has defined sterile areas capable of accommodating limited numbers of international passengers. We have developed procedures with local CBP officials that allows international passengers who have not yet cleared United States Customs and Border Protection to be deplaned into these sterile areas. These procedures will be implemented with the approval of CBP and are contingent upon CBP resources.

### **Public Access to the Emergency Contingency Plan**

Newark Liberty International Airport will provide public access to its emergency contingency plan by posting it in a conspicuous location on the airport website.

<https://www.panynj.gov/airports/en/operator-resources.html>