

## APPLETON AIRPORT ADDS FLIGHTS FOR NFL DRAFT

Carriers will add routes for April 2025 event

(APPLETON, Wis.) Dec. 5, 2024– Airlines serving the Appleton International Airport announce they will be expanding service and adding flights to accommodate visitors for the 2025 NFL Draft April 24-26 in Green Bay.

In total, three airlines will add flights to ATW for the draft which are:

- American Airlines will add flights from Phoenix, AZ (PHX), Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX (DFW) and Charlotte, NC (CLT)
- Delta Airlines will add an additional flight from Atlanta, GA (ATL)
- Allegiant Airlines will add new service to Pittsburgh, PA (PIT), Providence, RI (PVD) and Canton/Akron, OH (CAK). They will also add to their existing schedule for St. Petersburg/Clearwater, FL (PIE), Orlando/Sandford, FL (SFB), Punta Gorda, FL (PGD), Sarasota/Bradenton, FL (SRQ), Phoenix/Mesa, AZ (AZA), New York/Newark (EWR), Las Vegas, NV (LAS), Denver, CO (DEN), Nashville, TN (BNA)
- In total, three flights will be added and 10 routes will be expanded for the draft.

"Our airline partners recognize the unique demand of this special event," said Abe Weber, Appleton Airport director. "We're excited to be part of this historic occasion and we can't wait to welcome draft visitors to Northeast Wisconsin."

Weber adds that the major terminal expansion of the airport will be close to completion in time for the draft, with additional gates available for increased air traffic. The airport will have a total of eight or nine gates available for incoming and departing flights (10 gates will be open when the expansion is complete).

"This is significant because the expanded gates will allow us to serve more flights and larger airplanes," Weber said. "We will also have additional rental cars and ground transportation available for the anticipated increase in travelers for the draft." <u>The Fox Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau will be coordinating shuttle services</u> from the Fox Valley to Green Bay with times and locations announced closer to the draft.

"We have a special opportunity to welcome the world to the Fox Valley," said Outagamie County Executive Thomas Nelson. "The sheer size of the event means Appleton and the surrounding communities will feel a positive economic impact during draft week."

Airport officials also remind area residents that if they are renting their primary residences during the draft, the airport offers affordable travel options to 19 nonstop destinations.

"Remember, airplanes travel in both directions," Weber said. "If you're planning on leaving Wisconsin during the draft, our airline partners have some great fares during this time."

For complete information on nonstop flights and other service, please visit <u>www.atwairport.com</u>.

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## About Appleton International Airport

Appleton International Airport connects our community to the world through American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, United Airlines, and Allegiant Air. In addition to offering nonstop service to 19 destinations, Appleton Airport connects to 12 major international airport hubs from which travelers can fly to almost anywhere in the world. Using Appleton Airport, travelers can safely and more conveniently get to their destination and home again, leaving them more time for what really matters. Appleton International Airport is the third busiest airport in Wisconsin. Visit <u>atwairport.com</u> to learn more.