

Until mid-March, MTO traffic high; COVID-19 impact 47% decrease

Orlando International Airport (MCO) reports that the COVID-19 crisis began impacting the airport at around mid-March, which is when the virus first made its appearance in the Central Florida region.

The airport saw higher-than-average traffic early in March, but the month ended with a 47% drop in traffic. Demonstrating how strong traffic was until that point, on a rolling 12-month basis, MCO still managed an overall gain in passengers of 1.13% compared to this time last year.

“The first negative impacts of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic were felt in March, the first month Central Florida battled the virus,” said Phil Brown, Chief Executive Officer of the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority. “While we’re pleased we were able to record even a small overall gain, we are committed to rebuilding traveler confidence and providing a clean and safe environment for every single passenger visiting our world-class airport and region.”

March 2020 Statistical Data:

- International traffic declined 53.61%, total of 302,867 passengers
- Domestic passenger volume fell 46.47%, total 2,205,382 passengers arriving and departing MCO
- Overall traffic down 47.45%, total of 2,508,249 passengers
- On a rolling 12-month basis, international traffic was down 1.11%, total of 6,772,095 passengers
- On a rolling 12-month basis, domestic passenger volume was up 1.49%, total 42,244,655 passengers
- On a 12-month rolling basis, overall travel up 1.13%, 49,016,750 total passengers