



MEDIA ADVISORY 21-03

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MASKS NOW REQUIRED AT SOUTHWEST FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Effective Feb. 2, 2021, federal law requires wearing a mask at all times in and at Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW). Failure to comply may result in removal and denial of re-entry. Refusing to wear a mask in or at RSW is a violation of federal law and individuals may be subject to penalties under federal law.

Under Security Directive SD 1542-21-01, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has directed that all U.S. airports require masks to be worn to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 during air travel. TSA has developed these requirements in consultation with the Federal Aviation Administration and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The CDC has also issued an [Order under Section 361 of the Public Health Service Act \(42 U.S.C. 264\)](#) as follows:

- Requires the wearing of masks while on airport property;
- Boarding only those persons who wear masks;
- Notifying all persons that failure to comply with the mask requirement constitutes a violation of federal law; and
- Disembarking and removing any person who refuses to comply with the Order and TSA Directive.

[Security Directive SD 1542-21-01](#) exempts the following categories of persons from wearing masks:

- Children under the age of 2.
- People with disabilities who cannot wear a mask, or cannot safely wear a mask, because of the disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.).
- People for whom wearing a mask would create a risk to workplace health, safety, or job duty as determined by the relevant workplace safety guidelines or federal regulations.

This federal law and mask requirement will also apply to customers and guests using the terminal building at Base Operations at Page Field.

For more airport information, please visit www.flylcpa.com or www.facebook.com/flyRSW.

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