

V.I. Port Authority Urging Travelers to Arrive Early for Flights Amid Increased Passenger Volume

With rising passenger numbers causing longer security wait times, VIPA urges travelers flying from Henry E. Rohlsen Airport (STX) and Cyril E. King Airport (STT) to arrive at least three hours before departure, especially during peak travel periods.

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Four American Airlines and one Spirit Airlines aircraft at the Henry E. Rohlsen Airport (HERA) on Thursday, March 28, 2024. By. ERNICE GILBERT, V.I. CONSORTIUM

The V.I. Port Authority is advising travelers to arrive at least three hours before their scheduled departure at both Henry E. Rohlsen Airport (STX) on St. Croix and Cyril E. King Airport (STT) on St. Thomas. The recommendation comes in response to a surge in air travel, which has led to

longer security screening times, particularly at the St. Croix airport.

According to VIPA, peak travel periods—such as weekends and holidays—see an especially high volume of passengers, exacerbating delays at security checkpoints. Travelers are encouraged to factor in additional time to complete check-in and security procedures to ensure a smooth departure process.

VIPA said it continues to monitor passenger traffic and is working to mitigate congestion where possible. However, due to the increase in travelers, the agency strongly recommends that all passengers plan accordingly and allow ample time to navigate through the airport before their flights.

For further updates or inquiries, travelers can visit VIPA's official website at www.viport.com or contact VIPA Public Information Officer Monifa Brathwaite at (340) 714-6640 or info@viport.com.

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