

# UNITED METHODIST VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION, SEJ

## IMPORTANT TRAVEL NOTICE:

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Please note: Many airports are conducting security searches of vehicles as they approach airports. This can add to the time required for check-in, beyond the recommendations below. Check with your planned departure airport in order to be on-time for your flight.

### **The Following Nation Wide Airport Security Measures Apply Until Further Notice:**

- The name/spelling on Passenger Tickets must **EXACTLY MATCH** the name/spelling on government issued photo ID (driver's license or county/state/federal agency employee ID for domestic flights and passports valid for a minimum of six months for international flights).
- **All passengers** must check in at the ticket counter to receive a boarding pass. Domestic flights must check in *at least 2 hours* before departure, International *at least 3 hours* before departure.
- Luggage is to be checked at the ticket counter within four hours of flight time. Curbside, Virtual Check In, Kiosk, City Ticket Offices and other off airport location check in's have been eliminated at some locations. Check with your airline.
- Increased passenger and baggage security screenings at all airports; passengers are encouraged to minimize baggage (including carry-on baggage) to the extent possible. Be prepared for hand searches of any articles including carry-on baggage, purses, briefcases, etc. To this extent it is recommended that you pack all luggage loosely to accommodate searches and repacking.
- Limited access to secure airport areas. Only passengers holding an electronic ticket receipt, travel agency itinerary, boarding document, or a paper ticket will be allowed past the security checkpoint, subject to local airport requirements. Customers who do not have an electronic ticket receipt, must go to the ticket counter and obtain the document before going through the security checkpoint.
- No knives of any size, or made from any material (including, but not limited to, pocket knives, folding or retractable blades regardless of blade length or composition, box cutters, X-Acto knives, elongated scissors, straight razors, Leatherman, or Swiss Army Knives) are permitted on flights **in carry on luggage**. **The above items are permitted in checked luggage only**. The sale of knifelike items has been banned at all airports. In addition, scissors, knitting needles, hammers, and bleach are banned from carry-on luggage.
- Unaccompanied minors and passengers with special needs will continue to be accepted, however many airlines will only allow unaccompanied minors on non-stop flights that do not require connection or through-flights.
- Minors traveling with groups will require notarized documentation giving permission from parents allowing travel with the group. Regulations vary from airline to airline. **CONTACT your airline** for their specific requirements for travel by minors.
- An Increase in the number of uniformed law enforcement and military personnel in airports and on aircrafts is to be expected, and heightened vigilance for unattended bags.

Please note: Airport security measures may be added, changed, or updated at any time without notice.