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### Spring Break Means Longer Lines; Passenger Appreciation Days Returns

Due to significant additional passenger volume associated with spring break travel, parking lots and terminal facilities at Gerald R. Ford International Airport will be busier than normal, particularly during the period of Wednesday, March 30 through Sunday, April 3. Due to anticipated crowded parking conditions, passengers may wish to consider alternate means of transportation to the Airport, such as taxi service or being dropped off by a friend or family member. Additionally, longer lines are expected at ticket counters, security checkpoints, and gate service counters. As such, **passengers should arrive at the Airport at least 90 minutes prior to departure time.** Also, in order to expedite the security screening process, passengers should *carefully* consider the contents of their checked luggage and carry-on bags, as well as those items they may be carrying on their person, to ensure no prohibited items or substances are being carried. Passengers may obtain a list of prohibited items by visiting the Airport's Web site - [flygrandrapids.org](http://flygrandrapids.org) - or by calling their airline's toll-free information number. (As a reminder, as of Thursday, April 14, 2005, *all* types of lighters will be prohibited in carry-on bags and on persons passing through security screening checkpoints at all U.S. airports.)

Additionally, passengers traveling through Gerald R. Ford International on their way to spring break destinations will again be treated this year to Passenger Appreciation Days, compliments of the Kent County Aeronautics Board. This bon-voyage celebration will take place Thursday, March 31 through Saturday, April 2 in the Airport's Grand Hall and will feature free refreshments, giveaways, prize drawings, contests, and more!

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