

To: CVG Airport, Airlines and Tenants

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Subject: Severe Weather: Lightning and Tornado Responses

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The severe weather season is active, and as such, the increased likelihood for lightning and tornado activity exists.

All airlines and tenants should be familiar with established severe weather procedures and take preventative steps to protect themselves from lightning strikes. When cloud to ground lightning has been detected within 5 miles of the airport, the Airport Communication Center (ACC) will notify airline and tenant leadership participating with the Everbridge communication system, as well as activate the visual strobe system on each ramp tower on Concourses A, B and C. As a reminder, KCAB employees will seek shelter; therefore, slight delays may be experienced when processing through the escort shacks to enter the airfield.

The ACC will send an "All clear" to leaders via Everbridge and deactivate the strobes when either of the following conditions exist:

- There has not been a cloud to ground lightning strike in the 5 mile airport radius within 15 minutes, or
- The airport's Skyguard meteorologist notifies the ACC the storm has passed the airport

All airlines and airport tenants should be familiar with established tornado response procedures. When the National Weather Service (NWS) issues a Tornado Warning for Boone County AND the airport's SkyGuard service advises the tornado is within 3 miles of the airport, the Airport Communications Center (ACC) will activate the tornado sirens. As a result, specific actions are required to be taken by all airlines and airport tenants. Those

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actions are included in the attached Severe Weather: Tornado Response document. (A partial image of the document is pictured below)

SEVERE WEATHER: TORNADO RESPONSE



DEFINITIONS

Tornado Warning - A tornado has been sighted in or near the immediate vicinity. Appropriate actions must be taken.

TORNADO WARNING

- Sirens will be activated when NWS issues a Tornado Warning for Boone Co. AND <u>SkyGuard</u> service advises threat of tornado within 3 miles of the Airport.
- 2. The Airport Communication Center (ACC) will make the following page:

Your Attention Please – This is the Airport Police. We have a weather advisory of a tornado warning. We will announce updates or cancellation of the weather advisory as information is made available. Everyone should avoid glass windows and calmly proceed to the tunnel level or other designated shelter areas.

- 3. Required Actions:
 - Airline Personnel Evacuate all gate areas, aircraft and work areas immediately. Assist passengers to the lowest level and/or to severe weather shelters marked with green "Severe Weather" signage.
 - One representative should remain at the information booth in your respective Concourse to coordinate with First Responders (ARFF, PD)
 - All other Concession, TSA, and CBP Personnel Evacuate immediately and assist passengers/patrons to the lowest level and/or severe weather shelters marked with green "Severe Weather" signage.
 - Companies operating transportation to the Airport Park bus/vehicle at designated area at the Ground
 Transportation Center. Escort passengers to the lowest level and/or severe weather shelters marked with
 green "Severe Weather" signage.
 - Any Badged Personnel Stage at top and bottom of escalators.

Please ensure all employees are made aware and fully understand the information provided above. Additionally, the following web address allows any Airport community member to access the annual Severe Weather Folder, Briefing video and Tornado Response protocols for familiarization and preparedness.

https://extranet.cvgairport.com/sites/kcabcs/SitePages/Home.aspx

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