



FAA Limits Flights at Chicago O'Hare to Prevent Disruptions

Description

The rapid growth of American Airlines and United Airlines at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport is now paused. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has stepped in because the number of flights scheduled exceeds what the airport can handle each day. The FAA wants to avoid major delays and cancellations for passengers.

Currently, the airlines need to reduce their daily operations to no more than 2,800 flights. This is a drop from the 3,080 flights seen on busy days this summer. The change follows an agreement made in 2018 on how to share airport gates. After a break caused by COVID-19, American lost five gates, while United gained the same number in October 2025.

This year, American might gain back three gates. However, United's CEO Scott Kirby has stated that they will not allow American to gain any more gates in 2026. In response to Kirby's statements, American introduced three new routes while United quickly announced five new routes and added flights on 80 more.

American's leaders argue that United is using overscheduling to push American out of O'Hare, a battle that dates back to the 1980s. Despite this, many believe that American will not abandon its hub at O'Hare. The FAA is now meeting with airlines to discuss how to reduce flight schedules, though exact methods are still uncertain.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Airport** /'ɛər.pɔ:rt/ (noun): A place where airplanes take off and land.
2. **Flights** /flaɪts/ (noun): Journeys made by airplanes.
3. **Operations** /,ɒpə'reɪʃənz/ (noun): Actions or activities performed to run a service.
4. **Delays** /dɪ'leɪz/ (noun): Times when something is late.
5. **Cancellations** /,kæn.səl'eɪ.ʃənz/ (noun): When a scheduled event is called off.
6. **Gates** /geɪts/ (noun): Areas in an airport for boarding flights.

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What type of agreement is typically formed between two or more parties to work together?
Option: Sole proprietorship



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- Option: Partnership
Option: Corporation
Option: Contract
2. How much power does a gigawatt represent?
Option: 1 million watts
Option: 1 billion watts
Option: 1 trillion watts
Option: 100 megawatts
3. Which term refers to the fundamental facilities and systems serving a country or city?
Option: Ecosystem
Option: Infrastructure
Option: Architecture
Option: SCADA
4. What is the process of sending energy from one location to another called?
Option: Transmission
Option: Generation
Option: Distribution
Option: Conversion
5. What document is submitted formally to a governing body to request action?
Option: Proposal
Option: Petition
Option: Brief
Option: Mandate
6. What process involves enhancing the quality or value of something?
Option: Diminution
Option: Enrichment
Option: Extraction
Option: Reduction
7. What term describes a situation where there is a deficiency or lack of something needed?
Option: Surplus
Option: Shortfall
Option: Excess
Option: Balance
8. What do you call formal suggestions put forward for consideration or discussion?
Option: Proposals
Option: Contracts



- Option: Offers
- Option: Agreements

9. What action means to delay or defer an event to a later time?

- Option: Advance
- Option: Postpone
- Option: Proceed
- Option: Continue

10. What term refers to an estimate or forecast of future events or trends?

- Option: Reflected
- Option: Projected
- Option: Retrospective
- Option: Calculated

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. The increase in train ridership is attributed to better services and _____.

12. There are multiple scenarios being considered for the upcoming project, including best-case and _____.

13. The company received an unsolicited proposal that they were not expecting or _____.

14. Customers can scan the QR code to access additional information and _____.

15. The brushing scam involves sellers sending products to random addresses to create a false sense of _____.

16. The courier service is responsible for the delivery of many parcels throughout the _____.

17. The traffic was redirected to avoid the _____ caused by the construction.

18. The system requires two-factor authentication for enhanced _____.



19. Many companies prefer to automate repetitive tasks to save time and _____.

20. The city has implemented programs to reduce unemployment and assist job _____.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The technology sector has seen significant growth in recent years.
22. Innovative technologies can disrupt traditional business models.
23. Theoretically, the project should yield significant benefits if executed correctly.
24. Entry-level positions are often the starting point for many careers.
25. The airport is currently conducting maintenance on its runways and terminals.
26. During peak travel seasons, flights tend to be more expensive.
27. The company's operations are designed to maximize efficiency and minimize waste.
28. Weather conditions are often the cause of delays in air travel.
29. The airline issued many cancellations due to unforeseen circumstances.
30. Passengers must check the gates for their boarding information before departure.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Partnership 2. 1 billion watts 3. Infrastructure 4. Transmission 5. Petition 6. Enrichment 7. Shortfall 8. Proposals 9. Postpone 10. Projected

Gap-Fill: 11. infrastructure 12. worst-case 13. requesting 14. promotions 15. sales 16. week 17. delays 18. security 19. resources 20. seekers

Matching sentence: 1. sector 2. disrupt 3. theoretically 4. entry-level 5. airport 6. flights 7. operations 8. delays 9. cancellations 10. gates

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