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The U.S. Departments of Homeland Security, Transportation, and Health and Human Services today issued the [Runway to Recovery, The United States Framework for Airlines and Airports to Mitigate the Public Health Risks of Coronavirus](#). ACI-NA [issued a press release](#) calling for additional coordination among airports, government regulators, and other aviation stakeholders.

The Runway to Recovery is the U.S. Government's guidance to airports and airlines for implementing measures to mitigate the public health risks associated with COVID-19, prepare for an increase in travel volume, and ensure that aviation safety and security are not compromised.

The recommendations cover a broad range of topics encompassing the totality of the passenger journey, from advance activities before leaving for the airport, through check-in and security screening, onto the aircraft, and finally through arrival processes including Customs and Border Protection processes, baggage claim, and ground transportation.

The recommendations also parallel many of those articulated in ACI-NA's June 24 [Airport Industry Recovery Advisory Panel report](#) as well as those presented in the International Civil Aviation Organization's May 27 [Council Aviation Recovery Task Force \(CART\) Report](#).

ACI-NA was provided an extremely short time in which to review a draft of the recommendations. In addition to expressing concern about the short time to review the document, ACI-NA strongly encouraged the Government to refrain from using overly prescriptive language while recognizing the significant and substantive measures airport operators have put in place to provide for the health of travelers and restore public confidence in air travel.

ACI-NA staff is reviewing the recommendations now and will provide a summary to members as soon as possible. ACI-NA also will be continuing its collaborative efforts with the U.S. Government and industry partners to minimize the spread of COVID-19, promote confidence in air travel, ensure consistency of the travel experience, and streamline the recovery of air travel.

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