### Airport Recovery Briefing: FlyHealthy@SEA

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### FlyHealthy@SEA: Goals

Maintain a safe, healthy airport environment

Restore confidence in air travel

Renew enthusiasm for travel

Return passenger volumes and economic vitality



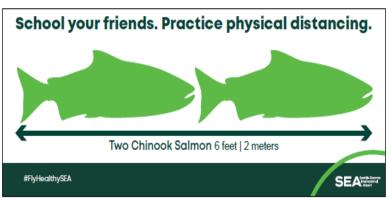
## FlyHealthy@SEA: A multi-layered approach

#### **Initial Actions:**

- Enhanced cleaning
- Physical Distancing
  - Common areas, gate hold rooms
- Communication
- Partner collaboration







## Mask Up SEA

**Enhanced Focus Area** 

# Surveys confirm that travelers feel safer when airport employees and passengers wear masks

- Campaign launched on July 1st to increase visibility and 1:1 customer engagement; Over 2100 coverings distributed as of July 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Compliance has increased around 95%
- Positive emphasis social media highlights



### FlyHealthy@SEA: Health Screenings

### May 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting Context:

- Passenger volume: 95% drop (April 2020 compared to April 2019)
- Health Information: elevated temperatures (strongest indicator for COVID-19)
- Federal response: Potential Transportation Security Administration (TSA)
   temperature check pilot; strong expectation for long-term responsibility

#### May 12<sup>th</sup> Commission Motion:

 "Develop a plan to facilitate temperature screenings for passengers departing through TSA checkpoints and those who have been cleared by U.S. Customs and Border Protection after international arrival."

## FlyHealthy@SEA: Health Screenings

#### **Complex Issues:**

- Securing Health Partners
  - King County Department of Health
  - State of Washington Department of Health
  - Centers for Disease Control & Prevention
  - Airlines
  - Private Health Contractor

FAA Policy

### Temperature Screening: Equipment Tests

- Tested equipment in Federal Inspection Station (FIS) area (6/17-6/23)
- Voluntary; 1400 passengers; no personal data stored
- Findings:
  - False readings (hot items)
  - Complications with glasses/hats
  - No high temps (100F+)
  - Passengers are receptive
  - Hard to avoid testing children
  - Staffing insights







## Temperature Screening: "Proof of Concept"

July 14 – 31, adjacent to Checkpoint 5 in collaboration with Alaska Airlines

#### **Preliminary Findings:**

- Issues with hats/glasses
- Passenger flows
- High staff demand
- Screening approx. 700
   people/day; no elevated
   temperatures (as of 7/20)



### Temperature Screening Considerations:

- Health Partnerships Status
  - Airlines
  - Health Departments; CDC
- Costs General Tax Levy Use
  - Equipment
  - Private Health Contractor (Request For Proposal)
- Public Feedback
- Legal Uncertainties

### Alternatives:

- Alternative A: Conduct "random" temperature screenings
  - Pro: deterrent, increase testing knowledge
  - Con: tax levy cost impacts, airline participation uncertainty, lack of follow-up authority
- Alternative B: Move forward expeditiously with mandatory health screening temperature check program
  - Pro: large hub U.S. airport leadership share lessons, deterrent
  - Con: higher tax levy cost impacts, airline participation uncertainty, lack of health partners, lack of follow-up authority, potential for federal unfunded mandate

### Alternatives and Next Steps:

- Alternative C: Implement second phase "Proof of Concept";
   accelerate screening plans for international arrival passengers
  - Pro: provides additional insights (logistics, staffing, federal landscape)
  - Con: tax levy cost impacts, lack of health partners, cost/benefit (few people with elevated temperatures)

This is the recommended alternative

#### **Potential Next Steps:**

- Move to COVID-19 rapid test preparation?
- Pursue an alternative
- Action item for August 11<sup>th</sup> meeting (delegated authority to secure staffing with a private health contractor)

# FlyHealthy@SEA Update

Questions?