



# MSP Final Four Community FACT SHEET

## You may have heard...

The 2019 NCAA Final Four is coming to Minnesota. The event is expected to draw thousands of people to the Twin Cities. For many, their first stop is the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP). MSP is preparing to meet the needs associated with this event to ensure a high level of service for our passengers, while being mindful of neighboring communities. There are a few things we wanted to share so you know what to expect during this busy time.



## What you can expect...

- More flight activity at MSP is expected between Wednesday, April 3 and Tuesday, April 9 (the National Semifinal games will be Saturday, April 6 and the National Championship is Monday, April 8).
- During the week leading up to Saturday's Semifinal games and the day after the National Championship, MSP expects to have 100 more private flights.
- Corporate jets and turboprop aircraft, like the ones pictured, will be used more than normal during all hours of the day and night, including the early morning hours and later into the evening.
- Charter flights with team booster clubs, friends and family will bring in an additional 10-15 flights during the event.
- Low-flying helicopters conducting security surveillance may be seen from the ground and high-rise buildings in and around Minneapolis at the end of March and throughout the first week of April.

- Between 40,000 and 50,000 people are expected to fly out of MSP the Tuesday after the championship game compared to the usual daily average of 38,000.
- Due to federal law, airplanes are able to land and takeoff from MSP (and other airports) any time of day or night. We expect an increase in departing flights after the National Championship game commences on Monday night and early Tuesday morning.
- As usual, flights will use the runways that are best aligned into the wind for safety reasons and will utilize the same flight paths as usual. The voluntary noise abatement procedures at MSP will be used to the greatest extent practical.
- Planes flying overhead and moving on the ground may be heard in surrounding neighborhoods.

- These flights are expected regardless of which teams are playing in the NCAA Final Four.

- The network of smaller airports around MSP will also see a lot of activity and this could also contribute to flight patterns that are not normally seen – even in the area of MSP.

- Visit [macnoise.com](http://macnoise.com) for interactive flight tracking, filing a noise complaint or contacting airport representatives.

- If you will be traveling during this time period, visit [mspairport.com](http://mspairport.com) for what you can expect at the airport.

- Safety and security are our priority. In and around the airport you may notice additional public safety personnel. If you see something suspicious, please call 9-1-1 immediately.

- Transit options to and from the airport will be affected by game day operations. To see changes to Light Rail Transit and bus options visit: <https://www.metrotransit.org/us-bank-stadium>

**The MAC anticipates arrivals will peak in the hours leading up to the Semifinal games on...**



**and departures will peak after the National Championship game...**



**and into the following day...**

