

Temperature Screening Experience at SEA

Why is my temperature being screened?

Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA), in partnership with Alaska Airlines, is conducting a voluntary proof of concept to screen domestic departing passengers for elevated temperatures above 100.4 degrees.

We are preparing for the gradual re-opening of the economy as more people return to non-essential travel. SEA is leading the recovery with health and safety. No single measure is enough to slow the spread of COVID-19, which is why we have FlyHealthy@SEA, a multi-phased and layered strategy. For example, we require face coverings or masks, escalated cleaning, implemented physical distancing, and added touchless technologies. We are exploring temperature screenings as part of that to ensure the health and well-being of travelers.

Will my personal information be collected?

No personal information about your identity or demographics will be collected or stored. You may opt out and continue to TSA screening.

What happens if I have an elevated temperature?

If a temperature above 100.4 degrees is detected, you will be directed to Alaska Airlines for an optional health consultation.

What is a proof of concept?

We are exploring voluntary temperature equipment testing as a health screening initiative for passengers. A proof of concept is testing the setup and method of operation to demonstrate feasibility. We will evaluate the temperature screening experience for how it affects passenger movement, queue management, staffing and passenger receptivity. This will help understand how it would work in a real-world alignment. We will report the results of the proof of concept to the Port of Seattle Commission later in July.

Is the airport establishing a temperature check program?

The Port of Seattle Commission directed airport staff to explore the issues involved with implementing an interim temperature check program. For the long-term, national airport and airline associations are in strong agreement that a health screening program managed by a federal agency is the preferred approach to ensure consistent health protocols for every traveler in the U.S.

Where can I learn more?

Explore our resources online at www.portseattle.org/page/flyhealthy-sea. Keep up with us on social media with #FlyHealthySEA. Our SEA customer care team is here to answer your questions. Tweet or DM us with a question.

Additionally, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offers guidance on travel and COVID-19 online at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-in-the-us.html. Locally, King County Public Health shares its recommendations for COVID-19 online at www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19.aspx.