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DFW AIRPORT STATUS UPDATE

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My name is Kevin Cox, I'm the Senior Executive Vice President here at DFW Airport. We thought it would be beneficial to you if we briefed you on our continued progress in operations and security here at the Airport.

I'm proud to say we are making a **STRONG** operational comeback.

Yesterday, we told you that we were expecting about 300 flight operations. That number was actually exceeded. We had a grand total of 377 operations. That's a credit to the hard work of everyone out here - the airlines, our traveling guests, and Airport staff. But please remember that this remains a fluid situation. You can imagine that when airports in New York or Boston or Washington are closed, it has a direct and immediate impact on operations here at DFW.

Our latest numbers on flight operations today:

We've had a grand total of 576 flight operations so far today. That's 292 arrivals and 284 departures. This morning, we estimated we would approach 600 flight operations for the day. Now, we're estimating that through midnight tonight, we'll get to 800 flight operations.

That's approximately 35 percent of our usual operations, and up from 13 percent yesterday. That's real progress -- but there's much more work to be done.

These numbers will continue to grow as the entire air traffic system in the U.S. gets started again.

I have walked the terminals myself today, and I know the lines are long. But our guests in the Airport are showing great patience and restraint as they take that next business trip, family vacation, or just try to get home. All of us at DFW Airport say thank you for your continued patience and support. Together, we will return DFW to full operation as quickly and efficiently as possible.

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