

Stobart Air gearing up to resume international services

Stobart Air is introducing new boarding and exiting procedures to reduce passenger interaction and passengers will board and disembark the aircraft in small groups and according to seat row numbers.

Stobart Air, the company that operates Aer Lingus' regional routes, will resume international services on a phased basis from 14 July, with enhanced health and safety measures.

From 14 July, flights from Dublin to Edinburgh and Dublin and Glasgow will resume to facilitate essential travel, as per government guidelines, with further services rolling out across August and September.

Flights between Dublin and Aberdeen, Birmingham, Bristol, Leeds Bradford and Manchester will resume from August 1st, as will routes between Cork and Manchester, Birmingham, Bristol and Edinburgh.

Following the guidance and advice from the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), the company has implemented enhanced health and safety measures to protect its staff, crew and passengers.

Passengers travelling with the operator will have to wear a face mask on board and will be encouraged to remain seated throughout the flight, while inflight services will be suspended to limit interaction between cabin crew and passengers due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

Boarding will also be contactless with passengers showing their boarding pass and passport before making their way to the plane in small groups and according to seat numbers.

Discussing the resumption of services, Andy Jolly, managing director of Stobart Air, said; "While the impact of Covid-19 has resulted in an unprecedented reduction in passenger demand across the aviation industry globally, Stobart Air is committed to providing essential connectivity between Ireland, and the UK and Europe into the future, in line with government guidance.

"Covid-19 has instilled widespread uncertainty globally. Passengers can be assured that enhanced health and safety measures in line with European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) guidance are now in place to protect them, our staff, and our airline partners."

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