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## **Southwest Airlines Will not Resume Operations to/from New Orleans Before Noon on Thursday**

DALLAS, Sept. 2 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Southwest Airlines said today that it will not operate flights to and from New Orleans' Louis Armstrong International Airport on Wednesday, Sept. 3, and the soonest the airline could resume operations will be Noon Central Time on Thursday, Sept. 4. Plans to resume service to and from New Orleans will depend upon the status of airport security personnel, facilities, and services.

Southwest strongly encourages travelers to contact Southwest Reservations at (800) 435-9792 or look for updated travel advisories at: [www.southwest.com/content/travel\\_center/travel\\_advisory\\_0038.html?ref=wthr](http://www.southwest.com/content/travel_center/travel_advisory_0038.html?ref=wthr) before checking in or proceeding to the airport.

Southwest Airlines Customers holding reservations for travel to and from New Orleans from Noon Central Time on Friday, Aug. 29, through the close of business Thursday, Sept. 4, may choose to alter their travel plans and rebook in the original class of service or travel standby (within 14 days of their original date of travel between the original city-pairs and in accordance with our accommodation procedures) without paying any additional charge.

Additionally, Customers holding reservations for a flight that is cancelled to and from New Orleans may request a refund for any unused ticket/travel itinerary.

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