

# “The World’s Most Trusted Airline” Bans Non-Mask Wearers: Over 460 on Delta Airlines No-Fly list

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**D**ELTA AIRLINES HAS BANNED over 460 travelers for refusing to comply with their mask policy. The ban, which started in June (Figure 1), prohibits passengers from flying with Delta for the foreseeable future.

The CDC has warned citizens that flying increases COVID-19 transmission. They have guided all employees and passengers on flights to wear a mask appropriately at all times. Similar to other airlines, those banned will not be able to travel Delta in the future but can easily switch to another airline since airlines have not been sharing passenger information. Someone who is placed on the no-fly list with Delta can easily switch to American Airlines and vice versa.

Other airlines that have added to their no-fly list include United Airlines, Sprint Airlines, Frontier Airlines, Alaska Airlines, and Hawaiian Airlines. (Figure 2) American Airlines and Southwest Airlines, two of the largest U.S. carriers, have also been banning passengers for face mask violation although they declined to disclose how many. Alaska Airlines, based in Seattle, have taken the warnings a step further issuing a “yellow card” to those having to be reminded more than once about correct mask usage.

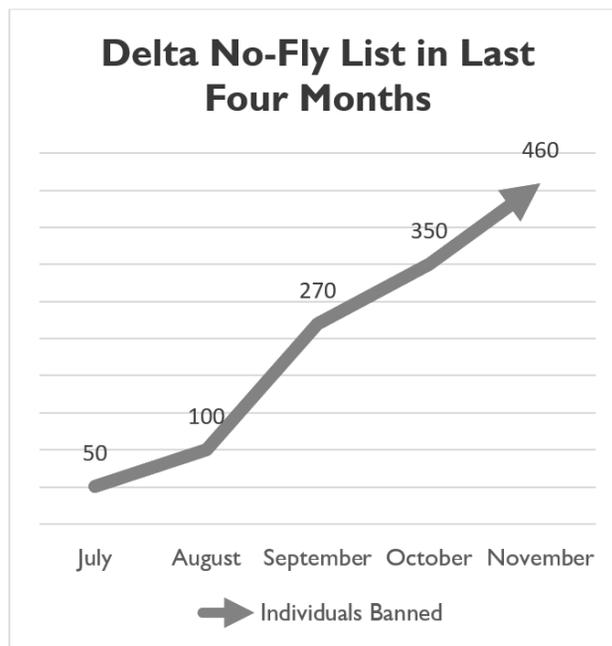


Figure 1- Number of Delta bans over the last four months based on noncompliance with mask policy. Credit: MaryKate Fenstermaker

Masks have been required on major airlines since May. Delta Airlines CEO Ed Bastion continues to stand by the enforcements made. After informing employees of the weekly no-fly headcount, he wrote, “Wearing a mask is among the simplest and most effective actions we can take to reduce transmission of COVID, which is why Delta has long required them for our customers and our people.”

Although there are strict rules in place, wearing a mask has not been mandated on flights. Flight attendants have continuously requested a federal mask mandate on flights. The Association of Flight Attendants-CWA President Sara Nelson said: “Just like anyone smoking on a plane faces federal charges and fines, so too should people understand the serious consequences of putting the health of others at risk by refusing to wear a mask.”

As the holidays approach, COVID-19 cases are suspected to rise. Delta has issued a statement ensuring the safety of travelers. Safety measures include continuing to block the middle seat of those who aren’t traveling together through January 2021. High-grade disinfectant is being used after every flight as well as industrial-grade air filtering throughout the flight. Reports show that Delta’s second quarter dropped 93% from last year around the same time. Although reports show that there will be less travel this holiday, airlines want to ensure the safety and comfort of all passengers which is a vital tool for modern air transportation.

# New Initiative at Concordia Sodexo Brings Healthy Food to Campus

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**S**ODEXO CONCORDIA HAS AN exciting new initiative that they are pursuing, and the best part about it is that it involves healthy food. They have teamed up with The Good Acre, a group who reaches out to local farmers to help supply loads of places and help the community while bringing fresh, organic vegetables right to your plate.

The Good Acre supplies many different schools, from public schools to private institutions. Jamison Cross, CSP Sodexo Head Chef, and Jay Rekedal, CSP Sodexo General Manager, are the two individuals leading this team. When asked about the new partnership, Cross said, “We wanted to do our part here at Sodexo Concordia to help local farmers in this new Covid world. We have connected with The Good Acre.”

Cross proceeded to provide a quote from their website about them: “The Good Acre was an idea that Pohlad family members turned into a reality. Their intention was to develop a multi-faceted initiative to improve the local food system for diverse, independent farmers and to increase access to healthy produce for all consumers regardless of income. Dealing with food, we understand how Covid has impacted not only the demand side of food but also the struggle with the supply and access to healthy, good quality food. Through our connections, we are starting to create partnerships with local farmers to not only improve on the quality and healthiness of the food we offer but also to bring awareness that we are all in this Covid fight together.” This partnership will provide healthier foods for all of the students here on campus.

While doing more research on The Good Acre, there was a part of their site that could allow individuals to purchase a grocery plan. Here is what it states, “Whether you join our full season, late season or campus Farm Share program, know that you are doing something great for our network of small, independent, and local farmers. As a non-profit food hub, our Farm Share program offerings are one of the best ways that we put our mission into action — supporting our farmers with fair prices and technical support while providing you with access to a beautiful array of healthy produce.”

This mentions a few different things: the full season share, late season share, and campus Farm Share program. Individuals can purchase different programs as they like. The full season share is meant for two people who cook most of their meals at home. The site says, “Members receive boxes for 18 weeks, beginning mid-June and ending in mid-October. We’ll provide you with over 70 varieties of produce items from our network of local sustainable farmers.” The late season is an every other week program with four deliveries that contain a large amount of staples such as onions, carrots, squash, apples and more.

The campus Farm Share is a seven week program that can get two students their vegetable fix; however, it is only for Macalester, University of Minnesota, or Hamlin colleges students or faculty. The full season is \$400 and the late season is \$175.

## Individual Airline No-Fly List October 2020

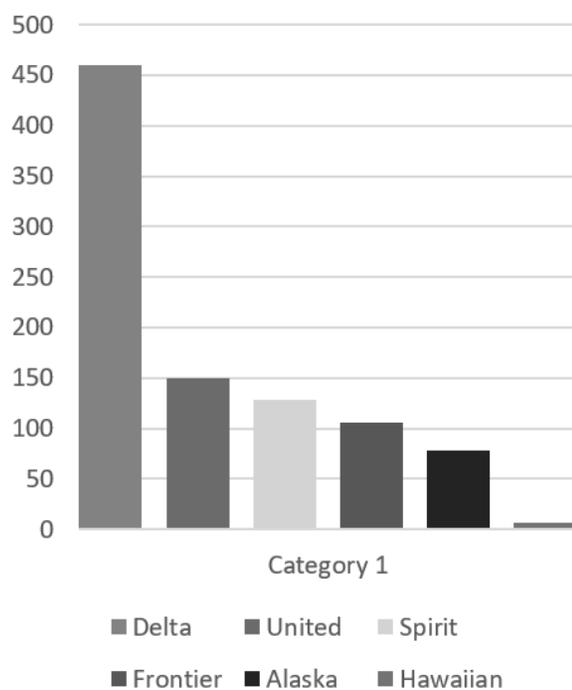


Figure 2-Number of people on individual no-fly lists per airline.

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