

O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC)

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Subject: INTERIM FLY QUIET PLAN TO BEGIN NOVEMBER 3

The Interim Fly Quiet Plan (IFQ) at O'Hare International Airport is scheduled to begin November 3, 2019. The plan was proposed by the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC), in collaboration with the Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA), to provide relief from nighttime noise for the communities around O'Hare.

The goals of the IFQ are to:

- Provide Near-Term Relief
- Reduce Impacts to the Highest Impacted Communities
- Provide Predictability

The IFQ features an eight-week runway rotation plan. For each week, a primary and secondary runway use configuration is provided to accommodate potential changes in wind direction. The runway use configurations have been determined and approved by the ONCC to balance noise exposure to the extent possible.

The voluntary Fly Quiet Program encourages pilots to use designated nighttime preferential runways and flight tracks developed by the Chicago Department of Aviation in cooperation with ONCC, the airlines, and air traffic controllers.

The IFQ will be in place for 28 weeks from November 2, 2019, through May 17, 2020, when work is scheduled to begin on Runway 4R-22L pavement rehabilitation. For a 17-week construction break from May 17 – September 13, 2020, nighttime operations will revert to the original Fly Quiet Program. IFQ will resume on September 13, 2020, and will be in place for 20 weeks through February of 2021, when construction of the Runway 9R extension will necessitate a return to original Fly Quiet.

The ONCC Fly Quiet Committee is now considering options for FQ21 – a new Fly Quiet plan to be in place once the O'Hare Modernization Program is completed and full build-out is reached in 2021.

For more information about the Interim Fly Quiet program, visit www.mountprospect.org/IFQ.

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