

Media Advisory

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American Airlines Launches First Flight from Chicago to Puerto Rico Since Hurricane Maria

Aircraft will transport passengers, cargo – including items donated by the Chicago Cubs – to San Juan Friday

On Friday, Sept. 29, American Airlines will operate their first flight from Chicago-O'Hare to San Juan, Puerto Rico, since the island was devastated by hurricane Maria. American's partners, the Chicago Cubs, will send 10 generators, a case of batteries and 30 cases of water as cargo on the flight.

American Airlines was the first commercial airline to resume service to Puerto Rico, after Hurricane Maria struck the island last week. Due to connectivity challenges, including air traffic control constraints and lack of power on the island, operations are limited for all airlines.

American is committed to operating as many flights as permitted by the airport, FAA and FEMA. We continue to operate more widebody aircraft to and from Puerto Rico than any other airline, and have transported 466,000 pounds of cargo since the storm hit. The flight from Chicago is one of seven that American will operate from the mainland to Puerto Rico on Friday.

What: American Airlines launches flight filled with relief supplies and passengers to San Juan – their first flight from ORD to SJU since Hurricane Maria

Who:

- Franco Tedeschi – American Airlines Vice President – Chicago
- TBD representative of the Chicago Cubs
- American Airlines employees

When: Friday, Sept 29, 2017
Media should arrive at 7:00 a.m.

Where: O'Hare International Airport – Terminal 3, inside door 3F

Media must present a valid, government-issued ID in order to be escorted through the security checkpoint.

Media RSVP: Please contact Candice.Grose@aa.com if you plan to cover the event 817-907-6347

Media parking: All vehicles must be parked in the garage. Live trucks may be parked in the designated area in Lot B.

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