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PHL Airport Opens *Mothers' Nursing Station*

Partnership with Minute Suites offers privacy and convenience for traveling moms

PHILADELPHIA – Responding to requests from traveling mothers, Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) is collaborating with Minute Suites to provide *Mothers' Nursing Station*, private rooms for breastfeeding and expressing milk.

A strategic partnership with Minute Suites enables PHL to offer traveling mothers the option of a private and quiet place to breastfeed or to pump milk. Minute Suites, located in the corridor that connects Terminals A-East and B beyond the Security checkpoint, provides travelers a private retreat within airports to nap, relax, or work, and is staffed 24/7. Nursing mothers can access a *Mothers' Nursing Station* private room free of charge for the first 30 minutes and at a reduced rate of \$14 for an additional 30 minutes, if needed.

Airport CEO Mark Gale said Minute Suites' 13 private rooms and quiet environment provide the perfect option for women passengers traveling for leisure or business.

"Minute Suites enthusiastically embraced the idea of making their private suites available as lactation rooms," Gale said. "We are able to provide an amenity for travelers that matches perfectly with the vision and mission of Minute Suites."

PHL is among just a few major airports to offer rooms other than restrooms to accommodate the needs of travelers who are breastfeeding. The *Mothers' Nursing Station* suite exceeds the federal Workplace Lactation Accommodation Laws' requirements for a lactation facility to have a table, electrical outlet, and chair.

Traveling mothers continue to have the option of using one of PHL's 42 Companion Care or family restrooms which have an electrical outlet. These are located pre-Security and post-Security throughout the Airport.

The La Leche League of Philadelphia supports the *Mothers' Nursing Station* option of a designated spot for women either to pump, or if they're uncomfortable breastfeeding in the Airport, to have a quiet, clean space to nurse their baby in private, said Lisa Broderick-Cohen, IBCLC, RLC.

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“Breastfeeding is the optimal way to feed our babies and by having this space at the Airport, it not only supports breastfeeding women, but pushes forth the notion that breastfeeding is supported by the City of Philadelphia,” said Broderick-Cohen.

Daniel Solomon, co-founder and CEO of Minute Suites, which is a private company, said he is pleased to provide this innovative solution to PHL travelers.

“We provide a wellness-based solution to the stress and fatigue caused by air travel,” Solomon said. “That stress and fatigue can be increased for traveling mothers who are looking for privacy. Minute Suites wants to remove the obstacles faced by traveling moms.”

Solomon added that the anticipated success of the PHL partnership may lead to similar *Mothers’ Nursing Station* programs at Minute Suites locations in Hartsfield- Jackson Atlanta International and Dallas – Fort Worth International airports.

For more information about Minute Suites *Mothers’ Nursing Station* rooms, please contact Minute Suites at 215.937.1076, or visit www.minutesuites.com.

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Airport CEO Mark Gale (at podium) joins Minute Suites CEO Daniel Solomon and La Leche League Leader Lisa Broderick-Cohen in welcoming the Mothers' Nursing Station to Minute Suites at PHL.

This year, Philadelphia International Airport celebrates the 75th anniversary of its commercial air service. In 1940, the Airport served 40,000 passengers flying to a handful of cities. Today, more than 30 million passengers travel annually to 131 destinations around the world.

Philadelphia International Airport is owned and operated by the City of Philadelphia. The Airport is a self-sustaining entity that operates without the use of local tax dollars. It is one of the largest economic engines in Pennsylvania, generating an estimated \$14.4 billion in spending to the regional economy and accounting for more than 141,000 jobs.