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Third Lactation Suite Is Latest Amenity at PHL

PHILADELPHIA—Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) has installed another Mamava lactation pod, this one in Terminal A-West near Gate A-15, complementing the other Mamavas in the rear of the B-C food court and in Terminal F near the food court.

Each 4-foot by 8 foot Mamava suite is a self-contained, mobile pod available at no charge, with comfortable benches, a fold-down table, and an electrical outlet for plugging in a breast pump. The Mamava app (free for iOS and Android) can be used to locate and unlock the pod via Bluetooth technology.

The Mamava pod is just one of many new amenities introduced at PHL this summer.

In August, a Short Story Dispenser was installed, and the Quiet Room opened in the D/E connector. The Story Dispenser, a screen-less, translucent glass kiosk, prints fiction stories that can be read in one, three or five minutes. The Quiet Room is a place of silence, which all passengers may use regardless of their worldview, culture and religious affiliation. A footbath is available for passengers who require cleansing before prayer.

The first permanent Animal Relief Area opened near gate D-3, replacing one of seven temporary Animal Relief Areas.

“We take pride in being more than a place to catch flights,” said Airport CEO Chellie Cameron. “Our goals are to provide some 81,000 daily passengers with an enjoyable experience while they travel through our airport.”

Just Plane Fun, the Airport’s customer appreciation program, recently concluded its 9th summer. The program entertained passengers with musical performances, fun activities for people of all ages, beauty care demonstrations, and food and beverage samplings.

In June, PHL marked the 20th anniversary of Philadelphia Marketplace at the Airport on the B/C Connector. The celebration included food samples, live music, raffles, giveaways and the unveiling of commemorative artwork by Philadelphia artist Jeff Schaller.

An exhibit was unveiled in June paying tribute to the Eagles championship seasons and victory in Super Bowl LII. The exhibit is in Terminal A-East post security.