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Météo France snow alert:

Reduction in the number of flights on Sunday at Paris-Orly and Paris-Charles de Gaulle

Check that your flight is going ahead before setting off for the airport No RER B trains to Paris-Charles de Gaulle on Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 February due to works in progress

Météo France has forecast a period of heavy snowfall in the Ile-de-France region overnight on Saturday 9 through to Sunday 10 February 2013. It could continue throughout the day on Sunday.

The French Civil Aviation Authority has asked airlines to reduce part of their flight schedule by up to about 25% as a preventive measure.

Aéroports de Paris is recommending that passengers do not set off for the airport without first checking with their airline or Aéroports de Paris that their flight is going ahead.

The winter service teams at Aéroports de Paris are deploying all their human resources and snow-clearing and de-icing equipment to allow the airlines to operate their flight schedules safely.

Aéroports de Paris is also calling for care to be taken regarding access routes to the airports: there could be traffic problems on the Ile-de-France road network and there is no RER B train service this weekend to Paris-Charles de Gaulle Airport because of works in progress. Passengers are requested to make enquiries before starting their journey.

Passenger information:

On-line: www.aeroportsdeparis.fr

By telephone: **39 50***

By mobile: "Myairport" app or on m.adp.fr

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You can find the "Aéroports de Paris – Action Plan for the 2012/2013 winter season" press release on our website www.aeroportsdeparis.fr

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Aéroports de Paris action plan for the 2012-2013 winter season

The 1,300-strong workforce in the Aéroports de Paris winter service team are on stand-by until 15 April in anticipation of severe weather which could have an impact on air traffic. Their main mission is to make the best possible use of human resources and equipment to clear snow from the runways, de-ice the planes and do their utmost to help the airlines operate their flight schedules safely and to keep their passengers informed.

There are over 213 dedicated vehicles for clearing snow from the aircraft runways and taxiways.

18 aircraft de-icing areas have been created at Paris-Charles de Gaulle Airport and 50 de-icers are in operation. At Paris-Orly, de-icing is arranged by the airlines or their handlers which can deploy 17 de-icers, and the planes are de-iced directly at their parking stands.

Paris-Charles de Gaulle has 2,400 m³ of de-icing products and Paris-Orly has 540 m³, enough for 10 days of operation in the event of extremely severe winter weather.

Nearly 450 reception assistants are deployed to direct passengers, send them in the direction of the right representative and give them information on flights by relaying information supplied by the airlines (delays, cancellations, etc.). They can count on a pool of 400 company volunteers, ready to provide reinforcements in the event of severe disruption. In 2012, Aéroports de Paris continued with the deployment of public display screens in its terminals (3,300 screens at Paris-Charles de Gaulle and 400 at Paris-Orly).

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