BUSINESS AVIATION & HOW THE PANDEMIC HAS CHANGED EVERYTHING

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The last few months have brought so many changes. From the way we travel to how we interact with one another, it's easy to feel like we're navigating uncharted territories. Booking a business jet to Los Angelesor New York used to require just a few hours' notice. It was as easy as making a phone call, packing a bag, and catching a cab to the nearest FBO. Nowadays, there are a few extra steps involved and a lot more information to know.

The key to preparing for your next trip is understanding the new travel restrictions and regulations that accompany business aviation. Our guide can help you navigate the changes and your trip a safe and smooth experience.

The booking process

Booking a business jet will require more information than it did pre-pandemic. When you call in to book, you'll likely be asked more questions and be required to produce a little more paperwork. However, your flight advisor will handle the majority of the pre-flight screening on your behalf. Depending on where you're going, there may be some requirements that need to be met before your jet awaits your arrival.

Screening aircraft operators & providers

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In an effort to reduce risk and maintain stringent health and safety standards, most private charter brokers have changed their requirements, bumping it up to cover proper and thorough cleaning procedures. Some of these additional elements may include:

? Ensuring previous passengers were COVID negative

? Reducing or eliminating flight attendants

? Methods of sanitization

Airports & FBO's

Flying privately has major advantages when it comes to social distancing and avoiding high-traffic areas. Fixed-base operators (FBOs) provide business travelers with a more peaceful and safe travel experience. Since they're a separate entity from crowded airports, private flyers are less likely to come into contact with other travelers.

When you depart from an FBO, you won't have to endure lengthy security line-ups either. Your bags will be checked by the ground crew while you check-in for your flight. You won't have to leave the FBO until it's time to board your aircraft.

Additional health & safety precautions

One of the biggest concerns facing travelers is abiding by social distancing practices and enjoying the safety of a sanitized environment. Private aviation can easily accommodate these issues.

In a private jet, you'll only be traveling with the crew, who have taken the necessary precautions to keep you and your companions safe, and your travel party. And before you board, you can rest assured that the aircraft has been cleaned and sanitized to high standards prior to your arrival. While this in rare cases may result in a slight delay, it's more important than ever that these procedures are completed and done so to the highest standards.

You may also notice that ground crews, concierge hosts and other personnel are wearing personal protective equipment, like masks and gloves. Another difference is the pilots and in-flight crew aren't reaching forward to shake your hand like they once did. These added measures have been implemented to ensure the safety of everyone.

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