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Portland International Airport Opens Lactation Rooms

As part of Portland International Airport's ongoing efforts to provide a top-notch customer service experience, PDX opened two new lactation rooms today.

Located just past the security checkpoints on both the A/B/C and D/E concourses, these dedicated spaces offer privacy for individuals traveling who wish to express milk.

"We have known for some time that we wanted to create and offer these spaces for travelers," said Vince Granato, chief operating officer at the Port of Portland. "When we began construction on the security exit lane project, we seized the opportunity to build out the lactation rooms."

The lactation rooms are designed for use by women traveling without an infant; however, mothers traveling with infants seeking a quiet and private place to nurse their babies may use these rooms as well.

"The lactation rooms are a very welcome addition to our airport," said Marion Rice, executive director of the Breastfeeding Coalition of Oregon. "They normalize the built environment for women traveling without their babies and airport employees who may have a similar need."

Each room is equipped with ample counter space, electrical outlets, a sink and a task chair. In addition, the rooms are decorated with soothing colors, lighting and artwork. Both rooms are ADA compliant/accessible.

These new facilities are a few of the many planned additions at the airport as part of PDXNext, a suite of major airport improvement projects aimed at providing awarding-winning comfort and convenience for travelers, operational efficiency, and safety and security.

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