

# ‘UpFront’: Travel up at Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport

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Milwaukee’s Mitchell International Airport is seeing travel bounce back after the pandemic year.

Airport traffic is up year to year, and leisure travelers are leading the comeback, said Brian Dranzik, airport director.

In an interview aired Sunday on “UpFront,” produced in partnership with WisPolitics.com, Dranzik said business travel also is starting to pick up.

“I think with the vaccine rollout, and people getting more comfortable with traveling once again, and really having a bit of that pent-up demand and desire to get back out there, we started to see a real good rebound in March and it looks like that is going to continue through the rest of the summer,” Dranzik said.

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Masks are still required at airports and on flights. Dranzik said that is a federal mandate.

Also on the program, an official of Lawrence University in Appleton explained why the school has become the first in Wisconsin to require its students to get vaccinated.

Christyn Abaray, who is leading Lawrence’s pandemic planning team, said mandatory vaccinations are the best way for the school to “get back to what we wanted for this fall.”

“We’ve really missed our ability to have a sense of belonging, our ability to create our social groups and our learning spaces for being a residential institution,” she

said.

The vaccination requirement starts in June. Lawrence students will have to have the shots completed by the fall term. Abaray said they have not heard negative feedback from their student body of about 1,500 students.

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