



AÉROPORTS DE PARIS

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The snowfalls of 18 December 2009

Midday update on the situation at Paris airports

Aéroports de Paris once again advises passengers to contact their airline before travelling to the airport in order to check that their flight has not been delayed or cancelled.

The nature of the current weather conditions makes it likely that delays and cancellations will continue throughout the day.

Paris-Orly Airport

- Both of the airport's 2 runways are operational
- 50 Aéroports de Paris staff are working to keep runways and taxiways clear
- 25 vehicles are working on snow clearance
- Snow clearance operations have been ongoing since 04:00 today

► **The average delay at midday was 30 minutes**

Paris - Charles de Gaulle Airport

- All of the airport's 4 runways are operational
- All 7 of the airport's de-icing stations are operational
- More than 100 Aéroports de Paris staff are working to keep runways and taxiways clear
- More than 70 vehicles are working on snow clearance
- Snow clearance operations have been ongoing since midnight

► **The average delay at midday was 1 hour**

Please bear in mind: The purpose of all our winter operations is to ensure passenger safety. Poor visibility and the formation of ice on aircraft wings have a direct influence on aircraft and passenger safety.

Also for reasons of safety, **the French civil aviation authority (DGAC) restricts airline schedules during such conditions, which impacts directly on departures and arrivals and inevitably results in delays and cancellations.**