SERVICE ALERT

Prepared Nov 13, 2026, 5:37 PM PST

FAA - Air Traffic Control - Communications Issue

Status: Ongoing

Started Nov 13, 2026, 1:00 PM PST · Ongoing for 4 hours 38 minutes · No restoration time given by FAA yet

SUMMARY

The FAA issued a nationwide ground stop on departing flights on November 13 because of a telecommunications outage affecting air traffic control centers. Officials say there is no indication of a cyberattack, though the investigation is ongoing. Please check with your airline before going to the airport, and expect more information as the investigation continues.

Affected: FAA air traffic control communications, Air Route Traffic Control Centers, Nationwide departing flights, FAA Telecommunications Infrastructure managed by L3Harris (reported, unconfirmed, Flights in Alaska and Hawaii are not affected

LATEST NEWS

The nationwide ground stop of departing flights, issued Nov 13, 2026, has not been officially lifted. The FAA says technicians are investigating a telecommunications outage; reports point to a crash after a network update on the L3Harris-managed FAA Telecommunications Infrastructure, but this is unconfirmed.

FAA says (Nov 13, 2026, 3:36 PM PST): “FAA technicians are investigating the issue. We will provide immediate updates as we have them.”

Source: https://www.cbsnews.com/news/faa-issues-nationwide-ground-stop/

IS THIS A HACK?

No — this is not a hack or cyberattack.

Officials say there is no indication of a malicious attack, though Fox Business reports the FAA has not ruled out a cyberattack and the investigation is ongoing.

ROOT CAUSE

The FAA attributes the stop to a temporary telecommunications outage affecting air route traffic control centers. Unconfirmed reports say an update to the L3Harris-managed network caused a reboot and crash; the FAA reportedly blamed a router problem (unconfirmed).

LAST 4 UPDATES

Nov 13, 2026, 5:24 PM PST

New: Fox Business reports the FAA called software-outage claims false but has not ruled out a cyberattack, and The Register names the FAA Telecommunications Infrastructure as the L3Harris-managed network.

Nov 13, 2026, 4:22 PM PST

New reports say the FAA told airlines a router problem at Chicago Midway started the outage, and the national stop has dropped off the FAA status page without an announced lift; both are unconfirmed.

Nov 13, 2026, 4:18 PM PST

New reports say a network update may have triggered the outage, a controller saw a frequency problem before the stop, and Alaska and Hawaii flights are not covered.

Nov 13, 2026, 3:15 PM PST

The FAA ordered a nationwide ground stop on Nov 13, 2026, blaming a telecommunications outage affecting multiple air traffic control centers; the cause is still under investigation.

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