



## Message from the General Manager COVID-19 Update | July 30, 2020

NAS Team,

Week of July 27-31, Phase 2 of AEDC Return to Full Capacity (RtFC) operations are continuing.

NAS COVID-19 Updates are being sent out each week on Wednesdays.

### KEY UPDATES

- **Since last week's COVID-19 update, two AEDC Government employees tested positive for COVID-19. The positive cases were a result of non-work-related exposures. Contact tracing has been completed and the affected areas have been cleaned.**
- **AEDC leadership confirmed that 87 individuals were tested for COVID-19 during drive-through testing on July 17. As of July 28, there were no positive test results; however, not all results have been obtained.**
- **It is imperative that all NAS employees utilize appropriate preventive measures, including social distancing, proper personal hygiene, and cloth face coverings, for personal safety and the health of our colleagues.**
- **Employees must notify supervisors if they have tested for COVID-19.**
- **The Air Force is still waiting for final approval from the Department of Defense Legal Counsel on implementation of the CARES Act Section 3610. We do not currently have a timeline for resolution. We will provide an update as soon as a decision is rendered.**

### GENERAL UPDATE

#### Phase 2 RtFC Operations

- The AEDC Commander's top priority during RtFC Phase 2 remains protecting the health of the workforce.

#### NAS Status

- Arnold AFB is in HPCON Charlie; Tier 2 operations began April 6; RtFC Phase 1 operations began June 1; RtFC Phase 2 began June 15.
- Tunnel 9 is in HPCON Charlie; Tier 2 operations resumed April 27; RtFC Phase 1 operations began June 1; RtFC Phase 2 began July 1.
- NFAC is in HPCON Charlie and NASA Stage 3; Week Zero operations were completed June 19; Week 1 operations began 22 June; NFAC has been at full staffing since July 6.
- Domestic business travel is permitted with Director approval in writing; international travel must be followed by 14 days of quarantine upon return to the United States.

100% screening is being conducted at Arnold AFB. Employees **must**:

- Comply with social distancing rules (six feet) and wear a face covering when required.
- Limit in-person meeting attendees to no more than 10.
- Avoid in-person interactions by conducting engagements by phone, instant messenger, virtual meetings, etc.

**NOTE: NAS employees are required to wear N-95 masks or greater protection when social distancing rules cannot be maintained for work that requires extended interactions.**

#### COVID-19 Information

**Notify your supervisor** if you have been tested for COVID-19 and are awaiting results.

Notify your supervisor if you or an immediate family member have:

- A confirmed COVID-19 case.



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- Been quarantined.
- Been placed under medical observation.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) are available on the NAS internal website at <https://team.nas-llc.us/Pages/Coronavirus-Info.aspx>.

Continue to utilize appropriate personal hygiene practices.

Call your primary care provider first, and the provider will conduct triage over the phone. If you meet the criteria, you will be tested.

### **Safety Focus**

- **Work deliberately;** if you have any safety concerns, elevate them to NAS leadership immediately.
- NAS employees are expected to adhere to prevention recommendations to minimize the possibility of COVID-19 transmission.

### **Managers and Supervisors**

- Please ensure this information is shared with your teams.

### **Craft Supervisors**

- Please read this email to your team members.

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