



## Message from the General Manager COVID-19 Update | April 28, 2020

NAS Team,

Tuesday, April 28, Tier 2 operations (Operationally Urgent) are continuing.

### KEY UPDATES

- The Benefit Plans Investment Committee (BIC) met recently regarding potential changes available to 401(k) plans as a result of the CARES Act; NAS intends to implement elements of the CARES Act as it applies to 401(k) plans, additional information will be forthcoming.
- The AEDC Contractors Employee Pension Plan remains assessed as being in “strong funded status” based on most recent valuation. Additional information is available at [benefits@nas-llc](mailto:benefits@nas-llc).

### GENERAL UPDATE

#### Tier 2 Operations

- Employees who are not involved in executing Tier 2 operations are not allowed to access the base
- Expanded Tier 2 work began last week and is continuing this week. Affected employees have been notified.

Tennessee Governor Lee’s “safer at home” order continues through Thursday, April 30. This order does not apply to Arnold AFB operations.

Maryland Governor Hogan’s “stay at home” directive is in effect until the state of emergency is over. Tunnel 9 operations are exempted from this directive.

California Governor Newsome’s “stay at home” order has been in effect since March 19 and has no set end date.

#### NAS Status

- Arnold AFB is in HPCON Charlie; Tier 2 operations began April 6.
- Tunnel 9 is in HPCON Charlie; Tier 2 operations resumed April 27.
- NFAC employees are sheltered in place at their homes through May 3.
- Business travel is restricted.

100% screening is being conducted at Arnold AFB. Employees are expected to:

- Comply with social distancing rules (six feet).
- 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: As directed by the AEDC Commander, 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.**

Personal masks are encouraged to be worn when employees believe they may be unable to maintain social distancing in casual interactions.

#### COVID-19 Information

**NOTE: Tennessee has 12 hotspot counties: Bedford, Bledsoe, Davidson, Hamilton, Knox, Montgomery, Robertson, Rutherford, Shelby, Sumner, Williamson, and Wilson.**

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**NOTE:** The work on our sites remains critical to National Security and is being conducted in compliance with the AEDC Commander's priorities:

- **Safeguard the health of the workforce.**
- **Execute the mission to the best of our ability.**
- **Take care of each other.**

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.
- 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.

Area Health Departments want you to call your primary care provider first, and the provider will conduct triage over the phone. If you meet the criteria, the provider will refer you to a testing location.

### **Stay Focused Through Task Completion**

- Do not let this situation create workplace distractions. Stop work immediately if you have any safety concerns. Elevate concerns to NAS leadership.
- It is in the interest of National Security as well as the AEDC and NAS workforce that everyone 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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