



## Message from the General Manager COVID-19 Update | April 6, 2020

NAS Team,

Monday, April 6, the AEDC Commander directed implementation of Tier 2 operations (Operationally Urgent), effective today.

- Employees who are not involved in executing Tier 2 operations are not allowed to access the base.
- Everyone should know of the Commander's direction to implement Tier 2 operations, and you should also know whether you are supporting these activities.

Tennessee Governor Lee's "safer at home" order is in effect through April 14. 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.

A NAS communication pertaining to unemployment benefits was sent to the workforce April 2. Additional information can be found in the FAQs.

### **NAS Status**

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

100% screening is being conducted at Arnold AFB and Tunnel 9. Employees are expected to:

- Comply with social distance spacing (six feet).
- Limit in-person meeting attendees to no more than 10.
- Avoid in-person interactions when possible by conducting engagements by phone, instant messenger, virtual meetings, etc.

**NOTE: As directed by the Commander, NAS employees are required to wear N-95 masks (or masks/respirators with equal or greater protection) when social distancing rules (maintaining 6-foot distance) cannot be maintained for work that requires extended interactions. Personal masks may not be worn as a substitute for N-95 masks when performing work requiring that level of protection.**

Personal masks are encouraged to be worn when employees believe they may be unable to maintain social distancing in casual interactions (e.g., passing in the hallway). Personal masks may not be worn when doing so introduces a hazard (such as when driving). Normal social distancing remains in effect, and all rules are to be followed.

For information regarding making, using, and sanitizing/disinfecting personal masks, please refer to Centers for Disease Control guidance at [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).

**NOTE: Current Tennessee hotspot counties are Davidson, Knox (added), Rutherford, Shelby, Sumner, and Williamson.**

**NOTE: Georgia screening is by county. Counties in Georgia with >100 positive cases are Bartow, Carroll, Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Fulton, Gwinnett, and Henry; all in the Atlanta Metro area; Cherokee (added) in the Canton area, and Dougherty and Lee in south Georgia.**

**NOTE: Alabama screening is by county. Counties in Alabama with >100 positive cases are Lee (added) in the Auburn area, Jefferson and Shelby (added) in the Birmingham area, Madison in the Huntsville area, and Mobile (added) in the Mobile area.**



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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

A NAS Business Services employee was tested April 1 for COVID-19; the test result came back negative for COVID-19.

A NAS Integrated Resources employee who has been out sick since March 24 was tested April 2 for COVID-19; we will share this test result when it becomes available.

A Tunnel 9 employee returned to work on April 3 after an extended absence. The employee was not feeling well over the weekend and has been scheduled for COVID-19 testing on April 7 by a health care provider. We will share this test result when it becomes available.

### **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**

- 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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