



## Message from the General Manager COVID-19 Update | May 12, 2020

NAS Team,

Tuesday, May 12, Tier 2 operations (Operationally Urgent) are continuing.

### KEY UPDATES

- Some unemployment claims have not been resolved by the state of TN due to a significant backlog. Responding to unemployment claims is a top priority for NAS, and we are currently replying to claim verifications within 24 hours of receipt. If you are having issues with your claim, please reach out to the TN unemployment office for assistance. If the unemployment office indicates that there are issues with information provided by NAS, please inform us by calling the NAS Hotline. If you have any questions pertaining to unemployment claims, you can always call the NAS Hotline.
- Tipton County, Tennessee (northeast of Memphis) has been added to the Hotspot list. Hotspot travel restrictions remain in effect for AEDC employees.

### GENERAL UPDATE

#### Tier 2 Operations

- Employees who are not involved in executing Tier 2 operations are not allowed to access the base.
- Current Tier 2 work remains in effect through May 16.

Tennessee Governor Lee's executive order authorizing the reopening of close contact personal services went into effect May 6. Health departments are directing continued closure for these businesses in Davidson, Hamilton, Knox, Madison, Shelby and Sullivan counties. This order does not impact Tier 2 operations at Arnold AFB.

Maryland Governor Hogan's "stay at home" directive remains 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 31.
- 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.



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### COVID-19 INFORMATION

**NOTE: Tennessee has 14 hotspot counties: Bedford, Davidson, Hamilton, Hardeman, Knox, Montgomery, Robertson, Rutherford, Shelby, Sumner, Tipton (added), Trousdale, Williamson, and Wilson.**

**NOTE: Georgia has 56 hotspot counties with >100 positive cases. See AEDC coronavirus website for current information.**

**NOTE: Alabama has 21 hotspot counties with >100 positive cases. See AEDC coronavirus website for current information.**

**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.

### **Work is Expanding – Stay Focused**

- With additional employees returning from extended time away, we all need to remain mindful of 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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