



Message from the General Manager COVID-19 Update | May 14, 2020

NAS Team,

Thursday, May 14, Tier 2 operations (Operationally Urgent) are continuing.

KEY UPDATES

- We are working with the AF on limited implementation of the CARES Act Section 3610 based upon the identification of an initial funding source. More details will be forthcoming as we receive additional information from the AF.
- Cloth face masks and usage instructions are being distributed in support of the AEDC Commander's mask policy which will require use of face masks in common areas and in compliance with social distancing considerations. The policy is expected to be go into effect Monday, May 18.
- Governor Bill Lee enacted an extension of the Tennessee State of Emergency declaration which was scheduled to expire on May 18. The revised state of emergency will be in force until June 30.
- NFAC planning has been under way for partial resumption of operations at a time to be determined. The NFAC Mitigation Plan will be submitted to NASA Ames and Air Force leadership on May 15.

GENERAL UPDATE

Tier 2 Operations

- Employees who are not involved in executing Tier 2 operations are not allowed to access the base.
- A recommendation for the next period of Tier 2 work for May 18-31 is being submitted for the AEDC Commander's approval.

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. The State of Emergency remains in effect through June 30. There is no impact on Tier 2 operations at Arnold AFB.

Maryland Governor Hogan's "stay at home" directive will be lifted on Friday, May 15 and transition to a Safer-at Home public health advisory. Tunnel 9 operations are not affected by this advisory.

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 15 hotspot counties: Bedford, Davidson, Hamilton, Hardeman, Knox, Lake, Montgomery, Robertson, Rutherford, Shelby, Sumner, Tipton, Trousdale, Williamson, and Wilson.

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

NOTE: Alabama has 25 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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