



## Message from the General Manager COVID-19 Update | May 22, 2020

NAS Team,

Friday, May 22, Tier 2 operations (Operationally Urgent) are continuing.

### KEY UPDATES

- I hope you enjoy the upcoming holiday weekend; over this Memorial Day weekend please also remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country
- The Commander updated AEDC on the AF Return to Full Capability (RtFC) plan. In short, if the trend of active cases in Coffee, Franklin, Bedford and Grundy Counties remain flat or downward, he plans to initiate Phase 1a of the RtFC Framework at Arnold AFB on Monday, June 1. AEDC would then enter the next step, Phase 1b, only after Rutherford County has had a 14-day downward trend. See the email from Col Geraghty that was sent to AEDC All on May 21 for additional information.
- The AF RtFC will result in increased operations for NAS; we will share details concerning our level of operations as they become available.
- We are continuing to work with the AF on limited implementation of the CARES Act Section 3610. Updates will be forthcoming as we receive additional information from the AF.

### GENERAL UPDATE

#### Tier 2 Operations

- Employees who are not involved in executing Tier 2 operations are not allowed to access the base.
- The current period of Tier 2 work is for the period May 18-31.

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. There is no impact on Tier 2 operations at Arnold AFB.

Maryland Governor Hogan's "stay at home" directive was lifted Friday, May 15. The state transitioned 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 required in common areas.



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### COVID-19 Information

**NOTE:** Tennessee has 15 hotspot counties: Davidson, Hamilton, Hardeman, Knox, Lake, Montgomery, Putnam, Rhea (added), Robertson, Rutherford, Shelby, Sumner, Tipton, Williamson, and Wilson.

**NOTE:** Georgia has 60 hotspot counties with >100 positive cases. See AEDC coronavirus website for current information.

**NOTE:** Alabama has 34 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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