



Message from the General Manager COVID-19 Update | May 29, 2020

NAS Team,

Friday, May 29, Tier 2 operations (Operationally Urgent) are continuing. Phase 1 of AEDC Return to Full Capacity (RtFC) operations begins Monday, June 1.

KEY UPDATES

- The AEDC Commander approved Phase 1 of RtFC at Arnold AFB starting Monday, June 1. The AEDC Commander's top priority remains protecting the health of the workforce.
- Phase 1 of RtFC will result in significant increases in operations for NAS; affected employees will be notified to return to work.
- We are continuing to work with the AF on limited implementation of the CARES Act Section 3610; additional details are being finalized and will be shared the week of June 1.
- County hotspots are fluctuating due to changing levels of active COVID-19 cases. Anyone denied access related to hotspots should immediately call their supervisor for additional instructions **before** departing the installation; it may be possible for access to be granted.
- Base access and screening criteria are being modified by the AF. Implementation is planned for next week. Changes will be communicated upon finalization.
- NFAC is working to obtain approval from NASA-Ames leadership to commence "Week Zero" preparatory actions for Stage 3 mission essential site protection work and mission-critical operations which cannot be conducted remotely.

GENERAL UPDATE

Tier 2/ Phase 1 RtFC Operations

- Employees who are not involved in executing Phase 1 RtFC operations are not allowed to access the base.
- We currently forecast ramping up operations to the entire NAS workforce by the week of June 15.
- The current period of Tier 2 work concludes May 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. NFAC is conducting preparatory "Week Zero" planning for potential reopening upon notification by NASA-Ames leadership.

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
- The shelter in place order that NFAC is under was scheduled to expire May 31; it has been extended indefinitely
- 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.



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- Avoid in-person interactions by conducting engagements by phone, instant messenger, virtual meetings, etc.

NOTE: 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.

COVID-19 Information

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

NOTE: Alabama, Georgia, and Kentucky hotspot counties are no longer listed on the AEDC Coronavirus website.

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.

Call your primary care provider first, and the provider will conduct triage over the phone. If you meet the criteria, you will be tested.

A Large Number of NAS Teammates Are Returning June 1 – Stay Safe

- With additional employees returning from extended time away, we all need to remain focused and work carefully. 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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