

# Message from the General Manager COVID-19 Update | July 15, 2020

NAS Team,

July 13-17, Phase 2 of AEDC Return to Full Capacity (RtFC) operations are continuing.

NAS COVID-19 Updates are being sent out each week on Wednesdays.

#### **KEY UPDATES**

- Notification was received on July 15 that an Air Force employee at Arnold AFB tested positive for COVID-19. Contact tracing determined that no NAS team members have been exposed.
- On Tuesday, July 14, the Air Engineering and Metal Trades Council membership voted to ratify a one-year extension to the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA); with the ratification, the CBA remains valid through June 30, 2021.
- The Air Force is still waiting for final approval from the Department of Defense Legal Counsel
  on implementation of the CARES Act Section 3610. We do not currently have a timeline for when
  this issue will be resolved. We will provide an update to you as soon as a decision is rendered.
- Domestic Business Travel may resume with written approval by a NAS Director; International Business Travel requires GM approval.
  - International business or personal travel requires 14 days of quarantine upon return to the U.S.

#### **GENERAL UPDATE**

### **Phase 2 RtFC Operations**

 The AEDC Commander's top priority during RtFC Phase 2 remains protecting the health of the workforce.

#### **NAS Status**

- Arnold AFB is in HPCON Charlie; Tier 2 operations began April 6; RtFC Phase 1 operations began June 1; RtFC Phase 2 began June 15.
- Tunnel 9 is in HPCON Charlie; Tier 2 operations resumed April 27; RtFC Phase 1 operations began June 1; RtFC Phase 2 began July 1.
- NFAC is in HPCON Charlie and NASA Stage 3; Week Zero operations were completed June 19; Week
   1 operations began 22 June; NFAC has been at full staffing since July 6.
- Domestic business travel is permitted with Director approval in writing

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: 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.

### **COVID-19 Information**

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.



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Been placed under medical observation.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) are available on the NAS internal website at <a href="https://team.nas-llc.us/Pages/Coronavirus-Info.aspx">https://team.nas-llc.us/Pages/Coronavirus-Info.aspx</a>.

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.

# All NAS Teammates Have Returned to Work - Stay Focused

- Work carefully; if you have any safety concerns, elevate them to NAS leadership immediately.
- NAS employees are expected to 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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