



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

NAS Team,

Week of August 10-14, 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

- Since our last update, there have been no new cases of COVID-19 within the NAS workforce. Thank you for your diligence to conform with CDC guidance and AEDC leadership directives.
- As a reminder, it is imperative that all NAS Team members comply with COVID-19 preventive measures, including social distancing, proper personal hygiene, and wearing of cloth face coverings; when we follow these procedures and protocols, we are
 - Protecting the health of ourselves and our co-workers.
 - Ensuring the AEDC mission can continue without interruption.
 - Securing our ability to continue to work.
- We have assessed our Break Rooms and implemented further measures to ensure that social distancing can be maintained.
- Employees are encouraged to follow “Stand Up – Mask Up” protection for personal safety and the health of our colleagues.
- DoD has reversed its ruling on the NAS Implementation Plan for Section 3610 of the CARES Act and it is now approved. We are now waiting for a final allowability determination from the Air Force. We do not currently have a timeline for this determination. We will provide an update as soon as a decision is rendered.

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; [situational teleworking is continuing based on availability of productive work.](#)
- Domestic business travel is permitted with Director approval in writing; international travel must be followed by 14 days of quarantine upon return to the United States.

100% screening is being conducted at Arnold AFB. Employees **must**:

- Comply with social distancing rules (six feet) and wear a face covering when required.
- 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.



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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.
- 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.

Stay Safety-Focused

- **Work deliberately;** 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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