



## Message from the General Manager COVID-19 Update | September 2, 2020

NAS Team,

Week of August 31 – September 4, Phase 2 of the Air Force's Return to Full Capacity (RtFC) is continuing. NAS COVID-19 Updates are being sent out each week on Wednesdays.

### KEY UPDATES

- **We received a positive allowability determination from the Air Force pertaining to CARES Act Section 3610 earlier this week and we are now approved to implement our plan. We will begin with impacts from the period March 30 – April 12 this week, and future installments will follow. Watch for upcoming communication with further details.**
- **The Labor Day holiday is Sept. 7. Employees are urged to remain mindful of social distancing recommendations while away from work.**
- **Since our last update, there has been one new case of COVID-19 within the NAS workforce.**
  - **On Aug. 27, an NAS employee who works in Building 1077 tested positive for COVID-19. The employee's last day of work was Aug 26. Contact tracing has been completed and the area has been cleaned.**
- **Appropriate wearing of face coverings is an important risk mitigation; NAS Team members are reminded that they must comply with AEDC's COVID-19 preventive measures.**

### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### 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.

**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 or if you or an immediate family member have:

- A confirmed COVID-19 case.
- Been quarantined.
- Been placed under medical observation.



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**Preventive measures** include six feet spacing and especially wearing cloth face coverings around others; when we follow prevention 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.

Employees should follow “Stand Up – Mask Up” protection for personal safety and the health of our colleagues

Business Travel (to include work-related medical appointments) within the state of Tennessee can be approved at the Branch Manager level.

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.

### **SAFETY MESSAGE**

- **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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