



## Message from the General Manager COVID-19 Update | September 16, 2020

NAS Team,

Week of September 14-18, 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

- **A second installment of CARES Act Section 3610 compensation has been approved by the AF. This installment covers the period Apr 13 – Jul 5 and will be reflected in Sep 18 pay statements. When the third installment has been approved, the workforce will be notified.**
- **Since our last update, there have been two new cases of COVID-19 within the NAS workforce and one additional new case at AEDC.**
  - **On Sep 11, an NAS employee who works in Buildings 710 and 797 tested positive for COVID-19. The employee's last day of work was Sep 3. Contact tracing has been completed.**
  - **On Sep 13, an employee of another AEDC contractor who works in Building 1421 tested positive for COVID-19. The employee's last day of work was Sep 11. Contact tracing has been completed.**
  - **On Sep 15, an NAS employee who works in Building 451 tested positive for COVID-19. The employee's last day of work was Sep 11. Contact tracing has been completed.**
- **Our vigilance has enabled us to avoid person-to-person transmission of COVID-19 at AEDC. Please be disciplined in maintaining social distancing and utilizing appropriate personal hygiene practices.**
- **It is now more important than ever to adhere to AEDC COVID-19 mitigations including social distancing and face coverings. Appropriate wearing of face coverings includes covering your nose. NAS Team members are reminded that they must comply with AEDC's COVID-19 preventive measures. See Safety Message below.**

### 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:



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- A confirmed COVID-19 case; been quarantined; or been placed under medical observation.

**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>.

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**

- **Mask Fatigue is a Safety Concern; be diligent in the wearing of face coverings and stay aware of changing work conditions which might require increasing the level of protection to N95 masks due to inability to maintain adequate co-worker separation.**
- **Breakrooms, breaks, and company social gatherings for work anniversaries, birthdays, retirements, etc.,** require us all to remain mindful of COVID-19 prevention strategies and risk mitigations.
- If you have any safety concerns, elevate them to NAS leadership immediately.

### **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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