



## Message from the General Manager COVID-19 Update | October 7, 2020

NAS Team,

Week of October 5-9, 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

- **The final installment for Section 3610 of the CARES Act covering the period Jul 6 – Aug 30 was approved by the Air Force and was executed as part of the payroll delivered on Oct 2. Since Sep 1, all employee absences eligible for CARES Act compensation are being addressed individually, as they occur.**
- **Several group sessions were conducted Sep 16-18 with salary and wage employees to obtain feedback on AF and NAS actions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The feedback is being addressed, and responses to questions raised during the sessions will be compiled within a “COVID-19 Feedback” FAQ. Details will follow once all the responses are compiled.**
- **With the onset of flu season, employees are encouraged to consider obtaining the flu vaccine as soon as practical. By getting vaccinated for the flu an individual:**
  - **Mitigates the potential impact to themselves of having the flu.**
  - **Reduces the potential transmission of the flu to their family and co-workers.**
  - **Lowers the potential of having flu symptoms that are consistent with COVID-19 symptoms.**
- **Since our last update, there have been two new cases of COVID-19 within the NAS workforce and one additional new case at AEDC.**
  1. **On Oct 1, an NAS employee who works in Buildings 1077 and 1088 tested positive for COVID-19. The employee’s last day of work was Sep 25. Contact tracing has been completed.**
  2. **On Oct 1, an employee of another AEDC contractor who works in Building 1103 tested positive for COVID-19. The employee’s last day of work was Sep 23. Contact tracing has been completed.**
  3. **On Oct 5, an NAS employee who works in Building 1077 tested positive for COVID-19. The employee’s last day of work was Oct 2. Contact tracing has been completed.**
- **Personal vigilance is critical to avoiding person-to-person transmission of COVID-19 at AEDC. Please be disciplined in maintaining social distancing and utilizing appropriate personal hygiene practices.**
- **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.**
- **Social distancing criteria applies to all common areas, including break rooms/areas, conference rooms, and smoking areas.**

### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### Phase 2 RtFC Operations:

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



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### 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 4; Week Zero operations were completed June 19; Week 1 operations began June 22; 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; 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 are reminded to 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

- Smoking areas, 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.
- 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.
- 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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