



Message from the General Manager COVID-19 Update | October 21, 2020

NAS Team,

Week of October 19-23, 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

- Drive-by flu vaccinations are available today (Wednesday, Oct 21) until 4 PM, at the loop in front of Building 100. There is no charge.
- N95 respirators with markings, MAGID IR 1940N95N; TC-84A-5460; NIOSH N95, have been determined to be counterfeit. Should you identify any of these respirators, sequester them immediately, obtain replacements as needed, and await further instructions on disposition of the counterfeit items. Note that this does not apply to any of our KN95 respirators.
- Important Reminder: Employees must avoid close contact situations (within six feet of others for more than 15 minutes) and maintain situational awareness. If extended time within 6 feet of a colleague is unavoidable, increase protection to a KN95/N95 respirator if contact could, or is expected to, last more than 15 minutes.
- Since our last update, there have been four new cases of COVID-19 within the NAS workforce.
 1. On Oct 15, an NAS employee who works in Building 1478 tested positive for COVID-19. The employee's last day of work was Oct 12. Contact tracing has been completed.
 2. On Oct 16, an NAS employee who works in Buildings 1077 and 579 tested positive for COVID-19. The employee's last day of work was Oct 12. Contact tracing has been completed.
 3. On Oct 16, an NAS employee who works in Building 1478 tested positive for COVID-19. The employee's last day of work was Oct 16. Contact tracing has been completed.
 4. On Oct 19, an NAS employee who works in Building 877 tested positive for COVID-19. The employee's last day of work was Oct 14. Contact tracing has been completed.
- 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.
- 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. Responses to questions raised during the sessions have been compiled within a "COVID-19 Feedback" FAQ and will be posted on the NAS COVID-19 website when the Air Force network is restored.
- Personal vigilance is critical to avoiding person-to-person transmission of COVID-19 at AEDC. Please be disciplined in maintaining social distancing, obtaining and using increased protection if conditions change, 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.
- Additional preventative measures are being assessed for break areas based on a best practice identified in Base Operations & Support.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Phase 2 RtFC Operations

- The AEDC Commander's top priority during RtFC Phase 2 remains protecting the health of the workforce. Recent trends indicate the pandemic remains a significant health concern.

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 a KN95/N95 respirator or greater protection when social distancing compliance cannot be maintained for 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 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 continues to be 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 KN95/N95 respirators due to inability to maintain adequate co-worker separation.
- If you have any safety concerns, elevate them to NAS leadership immediately.



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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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