



Message from the General Manager COVID-19 Update | December 23, 2020

NAS Team,

The trend of increasing numbers of positive COVID-19 cases among the NAS workforce is a serious concern as we enter the holiday period. Please maintain vigilance in adhering to the COVID-19 preventive measures that have been established on our work sites. I'd also ask you to use good judgment when you are away from your work site.

As of close of business today, there are two working days left in 2020. Let's finish the year strong by complying with pandemic preventive measures to protect the health and safety of each of you as well as our colleagues and ensure we will be able to continue supporting the National Security mission at AEDC uninterrupted.

Please stay focused, be safe, and look out for each other during this busy holiday season.

Thank you for your commitment to AEDC throughout this challenging year. Happy Holidays to you and your families.

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Richard Tighe, Ph.D.
NAS General Manager

Week of December 21-25, Phase 2 of AEDC Return to Full Capacity (RtFC) operations are continuing.

NAS COVID-19 Updates are normally sent out each week on Wednesdays.

NOTE: Our next weekly update will the week of Jan 4-8.

KEY UPDATES

- Gate 2 will be closed from 4:00 p.m. on Dec 24 until 5:30 a.m. on Jan 4.
- The significant uptick in COVID-19 cases among the NAS workforce is continuing.
- Avoiding close contact situations while at work and in social settings remains critically important to the health of our colleagues and continuance of operations.
- Reminder: Close contact for more than 15 minutes cumulative time over a 24-hour period *requires* the increased protection of a KN95/N95 mask.
- During the holiday period, please notify your supervisor immediately if you:
 - Test positive for COVID-19.
 - Develop COVID-19 symptoms.
 - Have close contact with anyone testing positive for COVID-19.
- Since our last update, there have been 18 new cases of COVID-19 within the NAS workforce and 9 cases of COVID-19 for non-NAS AEDC employees.
 1. On Dec 14, a NAS employee who works in Building 1478 tested positive for COVID-19. The employee's last day of work was Dec 8. Contact tracing has been completed.
 2. On Dec 14, a non-NAS employee who teleworks tested positive for COVID-19. The employee's last day of work was Dec 9. Contact tracing has been completed.
 3. On Dec 15, a NAS employee who works in Building 100 tested positive for COVID-19. The employee's last day of work was Dec 15. Contact tracing has been completed.
 4. On Dec 15, a NAS employee who works in Building 676 tested positive for COVID-19. The employee's last day of work was Dec 14. Contact tracing has been completed.



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5. On Dec 15, a NAS employee who works in Building 718 Trailer tested positive for COVID-19. The employee's last day of work was Dec 13. Contact tracing has been completed.
6. On Dec 15, a NAS employee who works in Building 912 tested positive for COVID-19. The employee's last day of work was Dec 15. Contact tracing has been completed.
7. On Dec 15, a NAS employee who works in Building 1103 tested positive for COVID-19. The employee's last day of work was Dec 15. Contact tracing has been completed.
8. On Dec 15, a NAS employee who works in Building 1478 tested positive for COVID-19. The employee's last day of work was Dec 9. Contact tracing has been completed.
9. On Dec 16, a non-NAS employee who works in Building 251 tested positive for COVID-19. The employee's last day of work was Dec 14. Contact tracing has been completed.
10. On Dec 16, a NAS employee who works in Buildings 350 and 1099 tested positive for COVID-19. The employee's last day of work was Dec 15. Contact tracing has been completed.
11. On Dec 16, a NAS employee who works in Building 718 Trailer tested positive for COVID-19. The employee's last day of work was Dec 14. Contact tracing has been completed.
12. On Dec 16, a NAS employee who works in Building 718 Trailer tested positive for COVID-19. The employee's last day of work was Dec 15. Contact tracing has been completed.
13. On Dec 16, a DOD employee who works in Building 785 tested positive for COVID-19. The employee's last day of work was Dec 12. Contact tracing has been completed.
14. On Dec 16, a NAS employee who works in Building 1103 tested positive for COVID-19. The employee's last day of work was Dec 15. Contact tracing has been completed.
15. On Dec 16, a NAS employee who works in Building 1478 tested positive for COVID-19. The employee's last day of work was Dec 15. Contact tracing has been completed.
16. On Dec 17, a DOD employee who works in Building 100 tested positive for COVID-19. The employee's last day of work was Dec 2. Contact tracing has been completed.
17. On Dec 17, a non-NAS employee who works in Building 251 tested positive for COVID-19. The employee's last day of work was Dec 13. Contact tracing has been completed.
18. On Dec 17, a DOD employee who works in Building 651 tested positive for COVID-19. The employee's last day of work was Nov 20. Contact tracing has been completed.
19. On Dec 17, a NAS employee who works in Buildings 678 and 1077 tested positive for COVID-19. The employee's last day of work was Dec 16. Contact tracing has been completed.
20. On Dec 17, a NAS employee who works in Building 877 tested positive for COVID-19. The employee's last day of work was Dec 15. Contact tracing has been completed.
21. On Dec 17, a non-NAS employee who works in Building 1476 tested positive for COVID-19. The employee's last day of work was Dec 16. Contact tracing has been completed.
22. On Dec 17, a NAS employee who works in Building 1478 tested positive for COVID-19. The employee's last day of work was Dec 15. Contact tracing has been completed.
23. On Dec 18, a DOD employee who works in Building 780 tested positive for COVID-19. The employee's last day of work was Dec 15. Contact tracing has been completed.
24. On Dec 18, a non-NAS employee who works in Building 1103 tested positive for COVID-19. The employee's last day of work was Dec 7. Contact tracing has been completed.
25. On Dec 20, a NAS employee who works in Building 912 tested positive for COVID-19. The employee's last day of work was Dec 18. Contact tracing has been completed.
26. On Dec 21, a NAS employee who works in Building 876 tested positive for COVID-19. The employee's last day of work was Dec 19. Contact tracing has been completed.



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27. On Dec 21, a NAS employee who works in Building 1478 tested positive for COVID-19. The employee's last day of work was Dec 21. Contact tracing has been completed.

- 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.
- Employees must remain disciplined at work in maintaining social distancing, obtaining and using increased protection if conditions change, and utilizing appropriate personal hygiene practices.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Phase 2 RtFC Operations

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

NAS Status (No Change)

- 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: All NAS employees are required to wear a KN95/N95 mask 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.

"Stand Up – Mask Up" protection is essential for personal safety and the health of 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>.



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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 special recognition** require strict adherence to COVID-19 prevention strategies and risk mitigations.
- Mask Fatigue continues to be a significant 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 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.