

Federal Aviation Administration

U.S. FAA COVID-19 Response

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The Goal

Protect our employees in the work site and the traveling public while maintaining the safety of the National Airspace to meet critical national and public health needs.



Protecting the Work Force and Operation

- **Initially, staffing reduced to cover the level of traffic**
 - Hard Crews
 - Maximum telework for support personnel
- **Air Traffic Control Specialists with co-morbid conditions putting them at increased risk were given Excused Absence, traffic permitting**
- **Training suspended initially**



Public Health Measures

- **Organizations Employed**

- Social distancing and mask use
- Workplace modifications
- Wipe in/wipe out
- Encourage people with pending tests, close contacts, and sick people to stay home

- **FAA Efforts**

- Excused absences
- Contact tracing
- International and Industry outreach
- Safety Alerts for Operators, Special Federal Aviation Regulations, and Certification Extensions



Testing and Vaccination

- **COVID-19 Testing**

- Not being used at present for return to work site
- People with pending tests for any reason are restricted from facilities until results are known

- **Vaccinations with Emergency Use Authorization**

- Encourage individuals to get vaccinated, cannot require it
- Grounding period following each vaccination for those with airman medicals or ATCS clearances
- Critical Infrastructure, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Tier 1c



Return to Full Capacity Operational Facilities

- **Return of personnel**
 - Partially trained
 - Persons at increased risk for severe disease
- **Resumption of Training**
 - Gating criteria to protect the operation
- **Improved/Continued Public Health Measures/Protection**
- **Special Events**



And Then...

- **Mask Mandates**
 - Fully Vaccinated
 - Not Fully Vaccinated
 - Unable to be Vaccinated
- **Gating Criteria based on the Local situation**
- **Safety paramount**



Questions?

