



Agenda Item 1.2 and 2: COVID-19

COVID-19 main challenges and Supporting Actions

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1.2 Definition of the main challenges in the CAR/SAM Regions by the Global contingency of COVID-19 in coordination and activities





Main challenges and support actions by COVID 19

✈ The Secretary will present **WP 01** with the title "**Coordination between the Regional Offices and the States to face the Challenges, in ANS, by COVID-19**", referring to the challenges and actions of the SAM Office

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NOTA DE ESTUDIO

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Cuestión 1 del Orden del Día: Principales avances en las mejoras al GREPECAS

1.2 Definición de los principales retos en las Regiones CAR/SAM por la contingencia Global COVID-19 en las coordinaciones y actividades

TÍTULO DE LA NOTA DE ESTUDIO
Coordinaciones entre las Oficinas Regionales y los Estados para enfrentar los retos en la provisión de servicios y facilidades de navegación aérea en el marco de la crisis COVID-19 (Presentada por Secretaría)

RESUMEN EJECUTIVO	
Esta nota de estudio presenta algunos de los retos que se han observado en relación a la pandemia del COVID-19 y la continuidad de las operaciones aéreas en la Región SAM	
Acción:	Tomar nota y considerar la preparación de Planes de Contingencias para las áreas de ANS por Pandemias y epidemias.
Objetivos Estratégicos:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacidad y eficiencia de la navegación aérea • Desarrollo económico del transporte aéreo • Protección del medio ambiente
Referencias:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EB 2020/9, 30 de enero del 2020 • SL AN 13/55-20/47, 20 de marzo del 2020 • Declaración sobre el brote de nuevo coronavirus (COVID-19) adoptada por el Consejo de la OACI el 9 de marzo de 2020, en la cuarta sesión del 219º período de sesiones • SL de Referencia EC 6/3 – 20/55 emitida el 15 de abril del 2020 (Vuelos de repatriación) • LT/ 23.1 - SA089, emitida el 13 de marzo del 2020, por la Oficina SAM

1. **Introducción**

1.1 El virus del COVID-19, comenzó a manifestarse a finales del 2019 e inicios del 2020.



ATM Actions

- The ICAO NACC Regional Office works to disseminate guidance for the operation of ATS in a COVID-19 environment
- Two Webinars are scheduled for June 10 (English) and June 11 (Spanish) on this topic, which could be useful for the Region





ATS Guidance for Operation in a COVID-19 context

- ICAO NACC Office compiled basic guidance for ATS operation under COVID-19 context
- The purpose is to provide guidance, general information, and to draw attention of CAAs and ANSPs towards key points to be taken into consideration for ATS provision under the COVID-19 pandemic, in order to enhance measures in place to allow the safe continuity of air operations.





ATS Guidance for Operation in a COVID-19 context

- Webinars are planned for *10th of June, in English, and 11th of June, in Spanish.*
- Subjects will include:
 - CONTINGENCY PLANNING.
 - PROTECTIVE MEASURES.
 - **Enhanced procedures for ANS facilities**
 - **ATC operational environment, enhanced working procedures**
 - **Personnel wellbeing**
 - REACTIVATION OF SERVICES
 - PROCEDURES TO ADDRESS COMPROMISED FACILITIES
 - SAFETY RISK MANAGEMENT
 - CONSIDERATIONS WITH REGARD TO SAFETY OVERSIGHT/CAAs





NACC RO has been requesting States to support MET Service providers in implementing alternative ways for providing the service particularly to face the 2020 Hurricane Season:

- ✈ **Develop remote working capabilities**
- ✈ **Strengthen remote meteorological observational and reporting capabilities**
- ✈ **Ensure connectivity**
- ✈ **Implement automated pre-flight information systems**
- ✈ **Enhance the content of the agreements between MET and ATS Authorities to include additional requirements needed to ensure the provision of essential operational products**
- ✈ **Review the established contingency modes of operation for Meteorological Watch Offices (MWO) and / or Aerodrome Meteorological Offices (AMO)**
- ✈ **Consider the delegation of some or all of the MWO / AMO functions to another MWO / AMO within the State**

✈ WMO provided a summary of the ICAO/WMO guidance material available as preliminary guidelines during COVID-19:

- <https://community.wmo.int/activity-areas/aviation/covid-19>



IMPLEMENTING A PUBLIC HEALTH CORRIDOR TO PROTECT FLIGHT CREW DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC (CARGO OPERATIONS)

- ✈ The PHC concept has been developed using a risk-based approach, considering safety management principles, with the key elements being the use of “clean” crew, “clean” aircraft, “clean” airport facilities and transporting “clean” passengers
- ✈ “Clean” in this context refers to implementing measures to ensure as far as possible a “COVID-19 free” status within the aviation transport sector



Implementing the PHC concept for cargo flights

- ✈ The lack of consistent and appropriate COVID-19 border measures being applied to flight crew could result in extending or worsening the disruption to supply chain during the pandemic
- ✈ The guidance (next slide) serves as a framework for harmonizing procedures implemented by States in order to facilitate cross border cargo operations
- ✈ This guidance material refers specifically to flight crew conducting essential cargo operations.



CAPSCA Harmonized Guidance on Facilitating Cargo Flights and Protecting Crew during the COVID-19 Pandemic

- ✈ This guidance applies to operations supporting the carrying of cargo, specifically:
 - ✈ Operations involving freighter/ cargo aircraft transporting cargo;
 - ✈ Operations involving passenger aircraft transporting cargo in the passenger cabin (crew other than flight crew may need to be on board such flights for safety reasons).





- ✈ Air operators are responsible to ensure disinfection of the aircraft at a frequency based on the usage of the aircraft
- ✈ Where additional disinfection is required e.g. cockpit disinfection during crew changes, air operators are required to provide crew with the necessary disinfection materials and (PPE)
- ✈ Crew identified as having had close contact with a positive COVID-19 case must be relieved from the flight duty roster for 14 days from the date of exposure and follow the local public health authorities' instructions.
- ✈ Crew are to observe physical distancing practices, including both when on and off duty, in accordance with local health requirements when off-duty.



Guidelines at airports

- ✈ Crew are encouraged to collaborate with airport authorities and adhere to measures implemented by airport operators in view of general hygiene and distancing measures
- ✈ If crew members are suspected or confirmed positive for COVID-19 based on the medical evaluation, isolation may be required by the State.
- ✈ Aircraft operators and crew are encouraged to collaborate with Public Health authorities at airports when conducting entry or exit screening at airports
- ✈ CREW COVID-19 STATUS CARD





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