FAA'S AIR TRAFFIC ORGANIZATION:

ACTIONS TAKEN TO MANAGE THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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- Keeping the National Airspace System Operational
- Providing for the Safety and Health of FAA Employees



Keeping the National Airspace System Operational

- Established the Joint Crisis Action Team (JCAT)
 - Held COVID telcons for each positive/presumed case
- Actively monitored traffic, trend, and predictions
- Operational Contingency Plans (OCP)
 - Reviewed all OCPs and modified as necessary
 - Refresher training as needed
- COVID Routes utilized to provide airspace through-put during an ATC-Zero event while enhanced operational area cleaning takes place.
- Oceanic sectors were isolated from domestic sectors
- Some facilities in the NAS have backup towers and labs that can be used for the continuation of air traffic services in a limited capacity.
- Temporarily reduced operating hours at 90 facilities
- Proactive communication and outreach with Industry stakeholders.



Providing for the Safety and Health of FAA Employees

- Maximized telework for eligible personnel and Excused absence provided to those employees deemed high risk or non essential.
- COVID Flexible Schedules Staffing to traffic, establishment of "sterile crews"
- Established gating criteria to support the resumption of OJT
- Cleaning Protocols
 - Increased routine enhanced janitorial cleanings of non-operational area.
 - Enhanced cleanings in the operational areas when facility has a COVID positive.
 - Implementing program for daily enhanced cleanings in operational areas at our busiest and most impactful 83 facilities in the NAS.
- Personal Protective Equipment at all Facilities
 - Face coverings, face shields, hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes, stylus and disinfectant available for all employees.
 - Employees are encouraged to clean their work areas utilizing supplies provided.
- Operational Facility Readiness Plan Guidance for facilities regarding signage, cleaning workstations and other facility best practices.
- Consultation and collaboration with FAA Aerospace Medicine and Center for Disease Control and Prevention regarding contact tracing and quarantine protocols.







