Academy Flight Training Center (AFTC)

Response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Outbreak

The Academy Flight Training Center takes concerns about COVID-19 very seriously. Academy Flight Training Center strongly requests that any persons with an acute respiratory infection or illness, refrain from coming to the airfield and engaging with other members of our community until cleared by a physician. Individuals that have been exposed to a known COVID-19 positive individual or who have recently traveled to a CDC Level 2 or 3 area must also refrain from coming to the airfield and should self-quarantine for a period of at least 14 days to ensure no symptom development. **Members with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis are not permitted at the AFTC until cleared by a physician.**

We have implemented the following processes and procedures to mitigate the risks of infection within our community of clients and staff. **Personal Masks and AFTC-provided gloves will be required during flying and masks anytime we are unable to maintain six feet of separation.** Also, we will limit the number persons in the facility and will enforce social distancing of six feet at all times.

Academy Flight Training Center will not penalize persons for rescheduled flying or staying away from the airfield to reduce the risk to our community. We just ask that you keep us informed if you will not be attending events, whether because of illness or a personal decision to self-isolate.

To reduce the risk of viral transmission we have implemented the following clearing procedures:

- Don’t feel well...don’t come, period. When you are healthy we’ll be here.
- Immediately wash your hands when entering the facility, hand sanitizer is not as effective!
- Disinfecting supplies are maintained throughout the AFTC facility, ask if you need help.
- When the aircraft keys are dispatched, you will be issued gloves to wear until your departure.
- Disinfecting wipes will be used to clean surfaces, controls, and knobs that may be touched during the flight. ONLY APPROVED SCREEN CLEANERS may be used on radio screens, touch screens, and EFIS displays. Only AFTC Staff will clean avionics.
- We are currently using "Purell Healthcare Surface Disinfectant" spray for seats and "Formula 409 Multi-Surface Cleaner or Clorox spray cleaner" to disinfect hard surfaces (aircraft controls), tow bars, the fuel pump handle and other common use surfaces with provided wipes.
- It is up to the instructor and the student to determine the surfaces to wipe down prior to their flight, more cleaning and disinfecting is better than less; when in doubt...clean it.
- After the flight students and instructors must ensure that all trash is removed from the airplane as is our normal practice and must wipe down all surfaces to prepare for the next crew.

During ground activities and other activities at the airfield, recommended social distancing will be enforced. The AFTC employees will complete enhanced routine cleaning on a daily basis of the aircraft and facilities throughout the day. Please follow good general etiquette for a more hygienic environment as found below:

- Please practice good personal hygiene along with covering mouth and nose with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing.
- Wash hands frequently with soap and water, especially after sneezing or using a tissue.
- Immediately dispose of used tissues, wipes, and used gloves in trash cans within the facility.
- If you need additional disinfecting wipes, contact a Training Center employee for help.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Chris Carper to discuss at (719) 333-4542.