

25 August 2020

All,

Great news. We have been cleared to resume operations - currency and student flights.

1 September is when we will be resuming normal flying - aircraft and instructors will be available to fly starting that day.

We are still limited to two people per airplane - whether you are flying with an instructor, family members, or friends. We are still limited to local area flights - no cross-country, but WE CAN FLY !

I am attaching the rules we will follow. Please review them, print them, and have them handy so you can reference what needs to be done when you fly.

YOU are responsible to ensure you meet the requirements to fly - safety meetings reviewed, Covenant Not To Sue signed by Joanna for you and your passenger, Medical completed, Tests completed, Financial Data updated with Joanna, etc.

DO NOT SCHEDULE yourself to fly without these things being done. If it has been 6 months since you have flown, you will need to accomplish an Emergency Procedures test before you fly.

For those who need an annual Standardization, please make sure you have your tests completed and graded before you schedule yourself to fly.

Please be considerate of others when scheduling. Don't be an "instructor hog." Also, if you need to cancel a flight, please do it early to allow others to get into a slot.

When scheduling, please allow at least 1/2 hour between your and the previous flight. Also, make sure you are back before the end of your scheduled time to allow the next person to get started on time. This time between flights will also help us minimize the number of people in the Flight Center.

You will be required to have your temperature taken before entering the Flight Center and wear a mask. There will be cleaning supplies provided for the airplane. DO NOT USE ANY OTHER CLEANING PRODUCT. There have been airplane panels damaged due to improper cleaning materials.

To help manage the schedule when we start flying on 1 September, members with last names starting with letters A - L can schedule themselves to fly on odd number days; members with last names starting M - Z can schedule themselves to fly on even number days.

After your flights, even if no one is scheduled, please leave the airplane outside. This will help get some heat into the plane to help defeat the virus.

Attachment:

There are several Flight Centers in the Air Force that are operating at full capacity – Peterson AFB, Cannon AFB, Eglin AFB, Offutt AFB, Kadena AFB and Edwards AFB, to name a few Aero Clubs, are operating for all members, including student flights.

It has been over 4 months since the Flight Center ceased operations. All of our students and most of our members who fly haven't flown in that time and it is a detriment to them and their skills. Our

students will likely have to add at least 4 or 5 flights to get to where they were before. Members will likely need a couple of flights with an instructor to get comfortable in the airplane again. Many will need their annual certification flights to get current again.

The Kirtland Flight Center would like to open flying activity to all members, currently rated pilots and students.

To do this, the Flight Center will put into place some preventive measures to help minimize the spread of the COVID-19 virus. These procedures for our members to follow will include:

1. First and foremost – anyone exhibiting **ANY** COVID-19 symptoms will not enter the Flight Center.
2. Any member that has recently been in contact with anyone exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms will not be allowed into the Flight Center for 7 days.
3. Any member that has recently traveled by air will not be allowed into the Flight Center for 14 days since returning from travel.
4. Washing / sanitizing hands before entering the Flight Center.
5. Sanitizing the phone / computer keyboard / anything the member uses while in the Flight Center – aircraft keys, clipboard, pens, etc.
6. Members will sanitize the airplane, before and after flights, with appropriate cleaning solution so no damage occurs to sensitive equipment – avionics, glass instrument covers.
7. Limit number of people in the airplane to two (2).
8. Patrons and instructors must adhere to wearing mask / face covering both in the cockpit and in the facility.
9. Aero Club staff will be conducting temperature checks as members enter the Flight Center. Patrons with elevated temperatures will be asked to return home.
10. Members will leave aircraft parked outside between flights to allow the sun / heat of the day to work in helping to destroy the COVID-19 virus. After flights are completed, staff will bring airplanes back into the hangar.
11. Ground School – Our current ground school class is small. The classroom we use is sufficiently large so we can practice social distancing. Each table is six feet long and we can sit one student at a table so there will sufficient distance between students. Each table will be sanitized before and after class.

These measures are similar to steps the Air Force Aero Clubs, flight schools in our area, and flight schools across the country have been taking ever since March 1, 2020. These schools have continued to operate using these steps and haven't had any major issues.