## NATIONAL UPDATE



## **Adjusted Facility Hours (April 29, 2020)**

Brothers and Sisters,

In this national update we're sharing the first of a series of videos about high profiles issues for our Union. In this video we speak about adjusted facility hours at FAA facilities. Watch the video <u>here.</u>





As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the NAS has seen a significant reduction in flights, especially during the evening and nighttime hours. Adjusting the operating hours of identified control towers mitigates additional exposure of air traffic controllers to COVID-19. It also will enable the FAA to allocate difficult-to-source supplies where they are needed most.

## View the list of identified towers here

NATCA and the FAA are collaborating daily to do what it takes to keep the system running safely and efficiently, while also keeping our workforce as safe as possible. This collaboration has been key to dealing with this national emergency. At a time when air traffic volume is down, adjustments like this are being made nationwide in an effort to keep our controllers safe and healthy. The FAA expects these adjustments will not have any operational effects, and the Agency will continue to monitor traffic volume at all facilities as they consider such changes. Further, these temporary adjustments are intended to occur only for the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency and are not intended to be made permanent.

As always, any member can directly contact their regional leadership at the

email below with any questions regarding COVID-19 related issues. Someone will respond and provide an answer as quickly as possible.

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In solidarity,

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