

To All Flight Standards Employees:

On March 14<sup>th</sup>, the Office of Personnel Management issued updated travel guidance to federal employees. In light of the rapidly changing situation around the COVID-19 pandemic, we are suspending all non-virtual training and flight currency for next week. This means that all Flight Standards employees enrolled in any training or EBC events scheduled to commence the week of March 22, should not travel to training/EBC nor attend any in-person training/EBC events.

Since the duration of this event is unknown, we are looking at alternative, virtual methods to deliver training and mitigate impacts to the Service. Our Workforce Development Division is deploying virtual deliveries where appropriate to satisfy training requirements. Future training courses MAY take place in a virtual environment. Each week, you will receive an email telling you whether your course, scheduled for the following week, will proceed virtually. You will also receive instructions on how to access and participate in the course virtually. Tomorrow, those students enrolled in courses for the week of March 22, will receive their email advising if their course will be taught virtually.

To allow successful completion from your telework location and satisfy your training requirement, please prepare a suitable virtual training environment. Also, please ensure your contact information in both Skype and the FAA employee directory is accurate in case we need to reach you via telephone.

For general training questions, please contact your training coordinator. For questions for flight training and currency, please contact the Flight Training Team, [9-AFB500-Flight-Program-Customer-service@faa.gov](mailto:9-AFB500-Flight-Program-Customer-service@faa.gov).

We are continuing to evaluate scheduled training and monitor information from the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention and the Office of Personnel Management to help us determine when we will resume in-person training events. We appreciate your patience and cooperation during these challenging times.

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