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Based on the Administrator's message regarding the FAA's response to COVID-19, as well as guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), we want to provide the Flight Standards workforce with specific information clarifying how this guidance applies to you and the work that you perform.

Aviation safety inspectors perform important continued operational safety and certification activities. While conducting their official duties in the field, FAA inspectors could come into contact with individuals who are at increased risk of having been exposed to SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.

Inspectors should determine their risk of serious complications in the event that they contract COVID-19. CDC has issued [guidelines](#) and identified special populations, including pregnant women. These CDC-identified populations include older adults and individuals who have chronic health conditions, such as high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes, lung disease or compromised immune systems. OMB has notified Agencies that they do not need to require certification by a medical professional.

When performing work in the field, inspectors should exercise precautions to protect themselves.

- Determine if the certificate holder is following [CDC guidelines for businesses](#). You may ask if anyone in the vicinity has been ill or recently exposed to someone who is ill.
- Follow CDC guidelines to [protect yourself](#) and consider the FAA [Safety Alert for Operators](#) and the CDC interim guidelines for [Airlines and Airline Crew](#). This includes:
 - [If possible, maintain a distance of at least 6 feet.](#)
 - [Practice proper hand hygiene.](#) Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
 - Do not touch your face with unwashed hands.
 - Wear disposable gloves when touching surfaces or documents that may be contaminated

As new guidance is published, we will update you regarding how that guidance applies to the workforce.

Thanks for all you do!

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