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Can furloughed employees access FAA email and the FAA website to get furlough status information or use FAA equipment?

Employees in furlough status may check their FAA webmail account or the [my.faa.gov/go/shutdown](#) webpage to check operating status and obtain important information but may not use government-issued equipment, such as laptop computers, iPads or cell phones to perform work. Employees may not work for the FAA from home or serve as an unpaid volunteer for the FAA on any day while in furlough status. Employees with a government vehicle are not permitted to drive it on a furlough day.

Can furloughed employees access federal buildings to retrieve personal property, visit the credit union or workout facilities, or use the Automated Teller Machine?

Yes. Furloughed employees are allowed into federal (i.e., GSA controlled/leased) buildings for a short period to go to their workspace to retrieve personal belongings, personal files etc. or to access an Automated Teller Machine (ATM). However, during a national public health emergency, employees must adhere to FAA and other related guidelines (e.g., CDC) while in an FAA facility/building. Employees may not visit their FAA office/workplace to perform work or to interact with excepted staff on work-related issues.

Will child care centers remain open during a shutdown furlough?

Yes, child care centers will remain open during a shutdown furlough; however, employees should verify with the center first prior to dropping off their children. Furloughed employees are allowed into federal (i.e., GSA controlled/leased) buildings for a short period to drop off and pick up their children at the child care centers. Furloughed employees may not visit their FAA office/workplace to perform work or to interact with excepted staff on work-related issues.

May an employee volunteer to do their job on a nonpay basis during a furlough period?

No.

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