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This update will focus on Pilot Education, Instructor Education and Prevention.

During the Town Hall this week (which you can log in to watch [here](#)) we discussed mitigation of risk. Risk mitigation is a strategy to prepare for and lessen the effects of threats through the use of data. Rather than planning to avoid a risk, mitigation examines the aftermath of a negative event and the steps that should be taken prior to the next similar event occurring to reduce adverse, and potentially long-term, effects.

We mentioned that the best way to avoid being infected with COVID-19 is to not come in contact with people who have the virus. That's a tall order in aviation, especially with this particular strain.

We mentioned that pilots and flight instructors who come to work sick increase the risk of transmission.

We mentioned that hand washing, using hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available, coughing and sneezing into your sleeve, and not touching your face are additional tools for risk mitigation. In order to help, potable water is no longer deferrable and all stations should have a supply of hand soap.

In addition, XJT ALPA together with management have worked together to provide cleaning and disinfecting guidelines for technical service groups and guidance for disinfectants pilots and flight instructors can use, and recommend the use of wearing masks under certain conditions.

We would also like to encourage the use of your EFB for all document use. That would limit the use of paper documents that are shared and passed hand to hand by crewmembers on the flight deck.

These small steps will help slow the spread at our workplace.

As we begin to see the number of cases start to decline and the economy slowly reopen, pilots will have to be prepared to continue these mitigation strategies into the months ahead. It is imperative that we do not get complacent. Practicing these mitigation strategies should eventually make them habit in the flight deck and Training Center.

There is still a lot we do not know about the COVID-19 virus. We have spent most of the year fighting it. In time, that fighting will turn into research and research will turn into new mitigation strategies.

Please follow company guidance, read the Association and Company communications, and reach out to any of us at XJTVirusHelp@alpa.org if you have any questions or concerns.

We are still working to ensure every pilot and flight instructor has the latest information available, that ExpressJet Airline leads the way for all fee-for-departure carriers, and that you can feel safe returning to work when called upon.

Signed,

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