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The Association and the company rely on much of the guidance that is provided to us by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and many other resources.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

In lieu of repeating their guidance, our communications often contain links to their website. We highly recommend that every front-line employee use the links to self-educate. The information is useful and necessary as we continue our duties and responsibilities as essential employees.

This update will contain information on our list of tasks from the strategic plan.

### **COVID-19 Education of Pilots and Flight Instructors**

Pilot and flight instructor education consists of three elements:

- **How to protect yourself from COVID-19**  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>
- **What to do if you are sick**  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>
- **How to disinfect our workplace**  
Development is underway

The data and recommendations are changing rapidly. As the Task Force continues to meet, we will look to the CDC for guidance when working with the company to implement those changes and then share them with the pilot group. It is important that you check your MyMessages for changes in policy. For example, this week alone the company shared information with the pilots concerning masks, turn cleans, virus kits and temperature checks. A Safety Risk Assessment (SRA) is currently underway for wearing of facial coverings.

If turn cleans are not being done, or you see something that does not look right, the company has asked that you file an IOR. It is more important than ever that our pilots use the IOR and ASAP portal to share with the company what they are seeing on the front lines.

#### **Develop a list of approved disinfection materials (CHEMLIST)**

“Update One” included the current list of products approved for the cockpit and directions for their use. You can now access all Task Force updates at [expressjet.alpa.org](http://expressjet.alpa.org) on the COVID-19 page.

#### **Develop and ensure compliance with aircraft disinfection practices**

Turn disinfection, RON disinfection and deep clean/contaminated airplane clean procedures and task cards have been produced. Our leadership is working closely with United. The Virus Kits may change based on the supply of product. Electromagnetic sprayers have been developed and purchased. We will let you know in a future update when they come online and details of their use.

Cabin disinfection is a lot less complicated than cockpit disinfection. We still have to ask each of our pilots to bring their own approved wipes until we receive a product and process that is safe and available. Please use the approved wipes. DO NOT IMPROVISE. Hand sanitizer in lieu of hand washing is a good habit to get into. DO NOT USE hand sanitizer to clean cockpit surfaces.

#### **Develop and ensure crew room/weather room disinfection**

Properties & Facilities has engaged all of our janitorial service providers to ensure the regular cleaning and disinfection of touch points. Additional disinfection supplies are available for employees for times between cleanings as needed. Please let your Chief Pilot know if supplies are not available.

**Develop and ensure Training Center disinfection**

The Training Center is working to develop their best practices. All ground school training, for the time being, is being conducted remotely. If you are a pilot in training, the Task Force cannot more strongly express the importance of following CDC guidance for social distancing when you are at the hotel, waiting for food or just looking to hang with your classmates.

The simulators and FTDs are different. You cannot socially distance, like in the cockpit. Wash your hands, sanitize, and cover your coughs and sneezes.

In briefing rooms, use the products provided to disinfect all surfaces. Following the directions on the labels is important, since some products need to be sprayed on surfaces and given time to dry to be effective. DO NOT SKIMP on cleaning.

**Preventive measures for pilots**

Do not come to work sick. Wash your hands often or, if you cannot, bring hand sanitizer with at least 70% alcohol. We understand that the supply chain is reduced, so we ask at this time of need to share what you can if you have extra. Do not touch your face. The only way a virus can enter your body is through contact with your eyes, nose or mouth.

To facilitate hand washing, potable water is no longer deferrable. The aircraft must have potable water and soap. Soap should be available at every station.

Masks have been approved for use in all operations by crewmembers. While United works on procuring face masks, if you have your own masks, you are allowed to use them at your own discretion, until further notice.

**Protocols for notifications after a pilot has been diagnosed**

If you have tested positive for COVID-19, please contact your chief pilot. The company is tracking self-isolated, quarantined and confirmed pilots.

Once a pilot has tested positive for COVID-19, the company will notify the pilot who has flown with that pilot during the previous 48 hours. That pilot will then self-quarantine for 14 days with pay. Refer to LOA 4 if you have any questions. LOA4 is also published on the COVID-19 page of [expressjet.alpa.org](https://www.expressjet.alpa.org).

A pilot who tests positive will have to have two negative tests before returning to work. This is CDC guidance and it allows a health care professional to make the decision to return you to work. We realize getting tests can be difficult. Your MEC is addressing this issue with the company.

### **Promotion**

Every single pilot is an XJT ALPA COVID-19 Joint Task Force promoter. We need you to read our communications and understand the risk just like you would read and understand an aircraft manual. This virus is a serious threat to our workplace. This information must be shared by front line pilots and flight instructors.

The rapidly changing environment necessitates the Task Force publishing updates on Wednesday and Saturday for the foreseeable future.

All updated information will be on the [expressjet.alpa.org](http://expressjet.alpa.org) website.

Thank you all for the work you are doing during these challenging times within our industry. Stay healthy, stay safe, follow CDC guidance and ExpressJet will survive to fly for many years to come.

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