NASA Science
Coronavirus Status
NASA Framework for Return to On-Site Work (as of 3 May 2020)

1. All travel to or from centers at Stage 3 or higher, or to countries at Level 3 or higher, requires an approved Request for Travel Exception form. The Request for Travel Exception form is available on the NASA People website. For the latest CDC international travel guidance, go to https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html.

2. Mission critical: work that must be performed to minimize the impact on mission/project operations and/or schedules and cannot be performed remotely or virtually.

3. Mission essential functions: As described in the COOP, during an emergency, NASA’s Primary and Mission Essential Functions (P/MEFs) must be continued with minimum interruption and are focused on protecting life and property as well as insuring agency operations continue.

4. This guidance applies to NASA civil servants. Contractor employees should reach out to their management.
Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response – Agency

Agency

- Agency leadership continues to monitor developments regarding coronavirus (COVID-19) around the nation, closely following the advice of health professionals and the White House Coronavirus Task Force to keep our workforce safe

- SLS and Orion manufacturing and testing activities at Michoud Assembly Facility and Stennis Space Center are temporarily on hold

- Ames Research Center is keeping the agency’s supercomputing resources online

- Work associated with supporting International Space Station operations continues at Johnson Space Center

NASA updates available at: https://nasapeople.nasa.gov/coronavirus
Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response – Webb

Webb Activities

• Priority is everyone’s safety and protecting hardware
• Two-shift work has resumed at Northrop as of the last week of May
• Some NASA staff has returned to CA to participate in DTA and subsequent testing
• Additional staff will travel to CA to conduct the Comprehensive System Test (CST#4) in late June/early July. Some surrogate staff will cover for instrument team members who are unable to travel from Europe and Canada to support this test.
• JWST has agency authority for all program critical travel (no longer needs to be reviewed by NASA Associate Administrator’s office)
• Project will review its schedule and SRB members will perform an assessment of it this month. HQ review and agency adoption by mid-July.
• STScI will make its next announcement about the Cycle1 GO proposal due date in mid-late July. A minimum of 12 weeks will be allotted for people to respond.