

Dear Flywell member,

Hope you are doing well, staying safe and maybe enjoying a flight or two. We are continuing to monitor the coronavirus news and the situation, while still serious and dangerous, seems to be stabilizing with regard to general aviation. Here are a few developments and updates that are pertinent to Flywell:

- Last week, Gov. Walz [extended](#) the [Stay Home Order](#) until May 4th. There are no changes in the order that are antagonistic to General Aviation and the situation seems to be stabilizing but appears likely to continue for some time into the future.
- The need to maintain pilot proficiency is a continuing need and in some cases requires CFI or safety pilot.
- [CDC is now advising](#) the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others. Studies have shown that a significant portion of individuals with coronavirus lack symptoms (“asymptomatic”) and that even those who eventually develop symptoms (“pre-symptomatic”) can transmit the virus to others before showing symptoms.
- Here’s a link to a [helpful article](#) on how to disinfect a modern aircraft cockpit. We will be placing a couple bottles of isopropyl alcohol in the hangar for this purpose.
- With approval, Paul and Mitchell successfully flew a WOM Medivac mission to Chicago last week. They used precautions such as wearing masks and disinfecting the Lance before and after the trip. Thank you to both of them for their service to the patient.

Given these developments and lessons, we’ve made the following changes to Flywell’s coronavirus guidance:

1. We are lifting restrictions on flights to other states and restrictions over-night stays. You should always check NOTAMs and other information sources to avoid local restrictions that could strand you or the club airplane at a distant airport.
2. You are PIC, the responsibility for use of Flywell aircraft and responsibility to conduct a safe flight rests with you. Please consider strategies to limit exposure, keep yourself and those near you safe and in compliance with the Governor's order such as: respecting social distance guidance, using face-masks as advised by CDC, cleaning common aircraft and hangar spaces before and after use.

It bears reminding that if you’re feeling sick or suspect that you’ve been exposed to someone with the coronavirus, please refrain from using Flywell aircraft and avoid coming to the hangar until the risk of transmission is passed. For those of our members in the higher risk population, please take extra care to avoid exposure. Please confidentially notify me or another board member if you have tested positive or could have been exposed to someone with Covid19.

I continue to hear great stories of members getting out and flying. We are fortunate that we have access to these fantastic flying machines to enjoy bit of normalcy during these weird and difficult times. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns about this new guidance.

Stay safe and take care,

Steve Schwister, President, Flywell Flying Club

On behalf of the Flywell board