

DHESC – Flying Section, COVID-19 Operational Protocols

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As the Downsview site continues to re-open business operations and the Province progresses to “Stage 3” of re-opening, the Flying Section is updating its protocols for operation in the current environment of COVID-19.

The following restrictions and guidelines are effective immediately, until further notice. They temporarily supplement, but do not replace, our club rules. Please contact Graham Elliott or any of the club Check Pilots or Instructors if you have any questions. This document is expected to change, over time, and the latest dated version supersedes all earlier versions.

1. Only employees who **currently have access to the Downsview site for work** are permitted to fly the club aircraft. Employees who are currently furloughed or laid-off, retirees, and other club members are not permitted to access the site, or fly our planes, at this time.
2. Access to the site must be obtained using the protocols set in place by the employee’s management team.
3. **Solo Flights** are permitted. **Dual Checkout and Dual Instruction Flights** are permitted if both pilots agree; the PIC as usual has the final decision.
4. **Passenger Flights** are permitted. Passengers who do not have access to the Downsview site **for work** must be picked up, and dropped off, at another airport. Guest sign-in at Security is not permitted at this time.
5. All pilots must meet all currency requirements, as usual.
6. Pilots must sanitize surfaces that are normally touched during operations, before and after flight. This includes aircraft controls, also the fuel pump (if used). The club will place a bottle of 70% alcohol and water solution in each aircraft, but pilots are also encouraged to bring their own sanitizing supplies, to be sure of availability.
7. Pilots should use their own headset, and not use the club headsets.
8. The use of **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)** is encouraged. For Dual Checkout and Dual Instruction flights, it is recommended that each person wear a mask. For Passenger flights, it is recommended that masks be used when occupants are not members of the same household. Personal masks from home are permitted. Masks are not provided by the club.
9. Pilots should plan their flights knowing that services (fuel, etc.) at other airports may be temporarily limited or restricted. Check the NOTAMs, and call ahead to confirm availability.
10. Pilots must be aware that despite any precautions that are taken to reduce virus transmission, there is some risk of transmission while flying dual, or with passengers, even if all occupants are asymptomatic. If pilots, instructors and passengers choose to fly with others, they accept responsibility for this risk.