



OPERATIONS BULLETIN

Tandem Operations

The following suggested operational protocols are being provided to mitigate the spreading Covid-19 while conducting recreational tandem passenger carrying operations or professional flight training of Student Trainee Members & Trial Introductory Flights.

Please note: This is a medical crisis, not an aviation crisis. SAFA operational staff are not medical experts and cannot advise or adjudicate on what is or is not appropriate.

Social distancing and Covid-19 requirements vary from state to state, take primacy, and should be followed in conjunction with the suggested operational protocols below. Please refer to your State's Health Department Covid-19 guidelines.

This document does not provide permission to conduct operations in breach of State

or Federal regulations.

Where operations are compliant to state or federal regulations, SAFA insurance coverage remains valid.

Suggested Protocols:

Pick-ups and arrivals.

- Pilots and ground staff to each have their temperatures measured as soon as they report for duty.
- Students/passengers to each have their temperature measured as soon as they arrive on premises or in the flight operations area.
- Hand sanitation and disposable gloves to be provided upon arrival to the student/passenger and any friends or associates of the student/passenger.
- Consideration of social distancing requirements in vehicles, if student/passenger transportation is necessary.
- Face masks and hand sanitation to be utilised by all operators and staff at all times.

Waivers/Signing in.

- Cleaning of benchtops and electronic devices between waiver signups.
- Minimise cash exchange. Electronic payment systems preferred.
- Stagger student/passenger arrival times so as to maintain social distancing during the administrative procedure.
- Vulnerable category passengers or any passengers who register above normal body temperatures, should be advised not to participate and to seek medical advice.

Pre Flight “Gear up” and Briefings.

- Aircraft pre-flight, flight prep and student/passenger dressing in flight apparel, conducted in isolation whenever possible
- Staff assisting Student/Passenger with flight apparel ‘gear up’ and clipping the passenger into the aircraft to wear masks.
- Full body coverings such as flight suits recommended
- Aircraft and equipment contact points are sanitised regularly
- Pilot and student/passenger follow social distancing directives during all pre-flight briefings and after landing.
- Reused equipment and clothing to be disinfected between each use.
- Thoroughly sanitise hands, helmets, harnesses and other contacted equipment and surfaces.

Flight operations

- In flight or when within 1.5m of each other, pilots and students/passengers to wear disposable face masks, gloves and eye protection.
- Instructors to wear a face mask & a full-face helmet with visor down whenever practical. If possible, students/passengers to do likewise.
- Flight operations to be less than 30 mins, subject to operational safety considerations.

Recreational or Non-Training Tandem Operations:

- A record of participants must be maintained for a minimum of 30 days.
- Passenger to complete the SAFA Waiver ([To download click here](#)).
- Pilot to scan and send the completed waiver to the SAFA office within 24hrs of the flight. (email: office@safa.asn.au)
- All other relevant suggested procedures listed above to be considered.

Until next time, stay safe.

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