

# NACA

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### **COVID-19 Recovery Bill**

For the past several weeks, NACA has been working closely with industry associations to lobby Congress and the Administration to pass legislation providing for a clean extension of the CARES Act Airline Payroll Support Program (PSP). Negotiations between House and Senate leadership are currently at a standstill over top-line funding levels and financial assistance to states. If an agreement cannot be reached on a stand-alone bill, the coalition will try to convince lawmakers to include PSP extension on another must-pass legislative vehicle.

### **Operation Warp Speed (COVID-19 Vaccine Development and Delivery)**

Last week, NACA sent a letter to Gen. Gustavo Perna, leader of Operation Warp Speed, to offer assistance in accomplishing its vital mission and to caution against restricting contracts only to major carriers. Read the letter here: <https://naca.aero/naca-offers-its-significant-resources-to-operation-warp-speed/>.

### **Contact Tracing False Start**

To help combat the COVID-19 pandemic, in mid-June the FAA, CBP, and CDC began a formal effort with the airline industry to require flights coming from foreign locations to the United States to enable contact tracing for all passengers and crew members. The government made it clear they wanted carriers to enact contact tracing by September 1. NACA participated in several calls per week to discuss how industry could comply with this mandate. However, on August 27, industry was informed by the government the contact tracing order would not be out before the end of the year and carriers could submit data on a voluntary basis if they wished. This was a significant fumble by the U.S. Government. Contract tracing should eventually be mandated, so it's unlikely the significant effort by carriers will ultimately be wasted.

### **FAA Technical Matters**

NACA has been working with the FAA to grant maintenance relief for our members, which resulted in *InFO 2005* for additional short-term escalation relief on July 23. We also worked successfully with other industry associations to get approval for exemptions for flight training issues both for flight crews and attendants. NACA asked FAA to update their months-old guidance for COVID-19 to bring the instructions into concurrence with current CDC guidance. The FAA is working on an update. NACA is also a member of the Flight Standards Transparency, Performance, Accountability, Efficiency Aviation Rulemaking Committee (FST PAcE ARC) working group recommending streamlining and efficiency proposals, which has been meeting virtually on a weekly basis.

### **We Fly For You™**

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office tentatively has approved our application to trademark We Fly For You™. After completion of all filing requirements, we anticipate issuance of the final trademark registration by the end of the calendar year.



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