

Message from the Center Director

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Dear Armstrong team,

NASA leadership continues to make the health and safety of the Armstrong family a top priority. Due to the rising number of coronavirus (COVID-19) cases in the local area, and to comply with all local and federal guidelines, Armstrong is moving into Stage 4 of our agency coronavirus [response framework](#). This effort has been put in place to help slow the transmission of COVID-19 and protect employees and the community.

Mandatory telework is in effect for ALL personnel until further notice, with the exception of limited personnel required to maintain the safety and security of the center, limited X-59 oversight, and support of Mars 2020 launch support. These exceptions will include physical security, critical facility and aircraft maintenance and monitoring, limited IT networks and security, and limited program support transportation for NASA personnel to meet critical needs including Mars 2020 launch support. All previously approved exceptions for onsite work under Stage 3 are rescinded and new approvals will be required in order to gain access to the center per Stage 4.

The center will be closed for all normal operations and there will only be access for civil service and contractor staff supporting excepted activities beginning Tuesday, March 24. Additionally, all travel will be suspended. The status of the center will be updated regularly and communicated to all employees. Please stay in close contact with your supervisor and contractor leadership.

We greatly appreciate your understanding, patience, and support through this challenging period of time. Please continue to consult [NASA People](#) for the most current guidance on NASA's response to the coronavirus.

David McBride
Center Director

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