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## 2021 AACAA Convention

Save The Date!

VIRTUAL

February 15-19  
Anchorage, Alaska

We're so excited to announce the dates for the 2021 Alaska Air Carriers Association Convention. Due to the uncertainty surrounding COVID-19, we will be making the convention available online.

- This year we will have traditional and new sponsorship opportunities to fit online attendance.
- AACAA will host initial and recurrent Haz-Mat, drug and alcohol, an IA Renewal along with new informative safety and management-related sessions.
- We're looking forward to elevating the convention this year to meet the new "normal".
- Watch this space for more details on the 2021 Alaska Air Carriers Association Convention!

SPONSORSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE!  
Please Visit: **SPONSOR THE  
CONVENTION ([alaskaaircarriers.org](http://alaskaaircarriers.org))**

## AACAA Convention Update

### Silent Auction Donations:

AACAA is still in need of donations for this year's auction! It will be open to the public, so if you know of anyone who would be interested in donating please have them contact Chelsea at [events@alaskaaircarriers.org](mailto:events@alaskaaircarriers.org) or call 907.277.0071.

### Convention Sponsorships:

There are still sponsorship opportunities available for the 2021 Annual Convention! Please visit the sponsorship page [here](#) to find out more information!

### Convention Registration:

Registration is now open! To register, please visit the website and fill out the registration form [here](#) or email [events@alaskaaircarriers.org](mailto:events@alaskaaircarriers.org).

## Baldwin Aviation Presents: Make Your Risk Assessment a Star!



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### Making your Risk Assessment Tool a STAR

Mention the acronym “GUMPS” to just about any fixed wing pilot and watch their eyes move upward and to the right. Their neurolinguistics are probably showing you they are visually remembering: gas, undercarriage, mixture, props, and safety. It is a tried mental checklist and litany that has served, and saved, many a pilot.

**[Click here to view the full article on the Alaska Aviation Safety Exchange page, provided by Baldwin Aviation.](#)**

## Initial allocations of Moderna vaccine arrive in Alaska

AACA urges members to consider providing testimony on December 28, to encourage vaccinations be available for the air carrier industry under Phase 1b. See below for additional information from DHSS.

### Public participation guidelines for live public comment

Outlined below are recommendations for use by the members of the public for this meeting via Zoom Webinar.

- Sign up for Live Public Comment:

Please sign up for live public comments. Once you sign up, you will be provided a confirmation of your time slot via email or phone. Comments are limited to 1 minute. Space for Live Comment is limited.

- Topic:

We are asking for public comments on Phase 1b COVID-19 vaccine distribution.

- Identification:

Upon entering the webinar, please enter your name, number or other identifier, so that the host can call upon you during the public comment period.

- Mute/Unmute:

Attendees will be muted and not audible to the Vaccine Task Force except during times they are designated to speak. When you are announced, you will be able to unmute yourself.

- Note:

We welcome any member of the public to listen in on the Zoom Webinar or DHSS Facebook live feed. Due to the focus on accepting public comment, there will not be a Q&A component to this session.

- Technical questions:

For technical questions contact [echo@alaskachd.org](mailto:echo@alaskachd.org).

[Click here to view the press release!](#)

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## **Pilots, ATC Cleared for Moderna Vaccine, Must Wait 48 Hours**

After reviewing the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) emergency use authorization for the Moderna vaccine, the FAA approved Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine for use by holders of FAA-issued Airman Medical Certificates or Medical Clearances performing safety-sensitive aviation functions -- pilots and controllers.

The agency also imposed the 48-hour waiting periods it imposed on the Pfizer vaccine before conducting safety-sensitive aviation duties, such as flying or controlling air traffic. The required waiting period applies to those holding an Airman Medical Certificate issued under 14 CFR Part 67 or a Medical Clearance issued under FAA Order 3930.3C.

Because the vaccine requires two doses, 28 days apart for maximum effectiveness, the waiting period applies after each dose. The Pfizer vaccine, which was approved last week, requires two doses 21 days apart. The waiting period after each dose applies to both brands.

The FAA will consider updates to our policy in the future, including the addition of other FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccines. [Read more](#)

Information kindly provided by RACCA.

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## **New Exemption Extends Timeframe for A Check Airman to Conduct Proficiency or Competency Checks**

FAA Exemption No. 18685, extends the timeframe for a check airman to conduct a proficiency or competency check under the observation of an FAA inspector or an

aircrew designated examiner from 24 to 36 months, subject to certain risk mitigations.

The FAA is granting the requested relief to part 135 air carriers and operators that submit a Letter of Intent as described in the exemption. In making its determination, the FAA acknowledged the immense value of part 135 air carriers and operators to remote communities and the essential services they provide in the movement of people, goods, and mail. By granting this exemption, the FAA determined that there is no risk to aviation safety that could not be mitigated under the outlined conditions and limitations.

FAA Grants Exemption No. 18510D

The FAA has granted an extension to extend relief on crew training deadlines provided in **Exemption No. 18510C**. The new **Exemption No. 18510D** provides limited relief from the timeframes for completing recurrent training and qualification requirements for ground personnel and crewmembers through March 31, 2021.

Importantly, the extension does not expand upon the relief already provided to ground personnel and crewmembers with training and qualification requirements due through December 31, 2020. Rather, it provides relief to ground personnel and crewmembers with training and qualification requirements due in January, February, and March 2021.

Summary provided by John McGraw  
Vice President, Regulatory Affairs  
National Air Transportation Association

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## **NATA Offers December 23 Webinar to Address PSP and PPP Relief Programs**

NATA will walk members through the PSP and PPP COVID relief programs related to aviation businesses during a **webinar on Wednesday, December 23** at 1:00 p.m. Eastern. NATA's Timothy Obitts and Jonathon Freye will be joined by Vedder Price's David Hernandez to answer your questions.

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# AACA NEEDS YOUR HELP

## Silent Auction Donations Needed

We're hoping for a really great silent auction! It will be open to the public this year and we're hoping to include logowear, trips, tickets and tours.

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FEBRUARY 15-19, 2021

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Ask about our other sponsorship opportunities!



**We hope you enjoy this holiday  
season!**