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Friends:

We at Southern Maine Aviation (SMA) care about the health and safety of our friends, family and loved ones. As a result, the most important thing we can do at this time is spend the next few weeks laying low. We need to beat this virus and to do that we need to slow down the rate at which it is spreading. We need to isolate ourselves as much as possible, which the CDC recommends.

Our interim plan is to staff SMA with a skeleton crew for three weeks, until approximately April 6th, to refuel aircraft and answer phones. No other commitments. Maintenance will continue to work, for now, at their discretion.

All flight school operations – dual instruction and aircraft rentals - are cancelled until approximately April 6th. Conditions will be monitored / evaluated daily, and restrictions may be extended beyond this. We will restrict the use of the facilities by non-essential personnel during this time. Customers needing fuel and limited services will be provided for during this time. Ground instruction, check rides, or hanging out in the lobby will be temporarily suspended.

Our flight instructors and dispatchers will be reaching out to you over the next few days to reschedule flights for after April 6th startup. This date may change due to health advisories and conditions described by the CDC. Please use caution and be patient while we do our best to meet everyone's needs. Flight instructors can still be reached by telephone or email to help with remote training or scheduling.

Please contact Andrew Button (480-721-7064) or Mark Damuth (207-651-9308) for additional information.

Thanks for your patience and understanding. We are looking forward to returning to normal operations as soon as possible.

Mark Damuth
General Manager