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	Suspension of Visitor Applications	Approval	

Purpose

The purpose of this General Order is to allow Sub-Divisions (ARTCC's) the option of closing the ARTCC to visitor applicants. The reason this General Order is in effect is due to the COVID19-Corona Virus Pandemic. As a result of this Pandemic and many members practicing self-isolation at home, many of these members are requesting training requests which is overburdening an already overburdened training staff.

Order

1. Sub-Divisions are permitted to suspend accepting visitor applications during this temporary suspension period which will expire on July 31, 2020.
2. Sub-Divisions may elect to allow priority to home controllers for training requests during this temporary suspension. This does not mean that visiting controllers are to be excluded from training. It means that priority may be extended to Home Controllers as the visiting controller will already have achieved an endorsement as per GRP and should be allowed to control minor fields if they have not been endorsed for minor fields.
3. ARTCC's that elect to suspend visiting privileges shall notify their Air Traffic Director of their intent.
4. This update extends the temporary suspension period until September 30, 2020

Effective

This order is in effect from April 15, 2020 until July 31, 2020. At any time the VATUSA Division Director may elect to revise this order to extend the expiration date as needed.

Effective July 28, 2020, the above line has been extended from July 31, 2020 until September 30, 2020.

