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To: All Grand Rapids FSDO Holders of Inspection Authorizations.

Following years of hosting the Annual IA Renewal Maintenance Seminars, the Grand Rapids Flight Standards Office has made the decision to temporarily suspend all in-person IA events until further notice. This includes cancellation of the Early Bird Seminar and the regular IA renewal event tentatively scheduled November 2020 and March 2021.

In accordance with CFR part 65.92(a) each inspection authorization expires on March 31 of each odd-numbered year. The current inspection authorizations are set to expire on March 31, 2021.

If you will need to utilize a “refresher course” acceptable to the FAA for this years’ current cycle, free on-line refresher courses and webinars are available for all Airmen at www.faa.gov under the Maintenance Hanger Tab and the Seminars and Webinars Tab at the bottom of the home page. If you have a FAASAFETY.gov account you can also sign up for local monthly 1-2 hour webinars offered by the Grand Rapids FAASTeam that will be IA accredited. Please note you must have an account to receive email notification of these events.

There are also other refresher courses found on the web, some for a fee, however it is strongly recommended you check with the office to ensure that your choice of course is approved for renewal purposes.

As much as we appreciate and encourage the interaction these seminars provide, we feel that this early of a notification will allow everyone a head start on meeting the renewal requirements for 2021.

For additional and up to date information, please feel free to visit our Grand Rapids FSDO [website](#) or email FAASTeam Program Manager, Tim Sokol at timothy.j.sokol@faa.gov.

Sincerely,

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