



Federal Aviation Administration

Memorandum

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Managers and Compliance Personnel

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Subject: Compliance Guidance Letter 2020-01
FAA Guidance for Handling Proposals to Temporarily Close or
Restrict All or Parts of Federally Obligated Airports for Non-
Aeronautical Purposes Related to Public Health Concerns

This Compliance Guidance Letter (CGL) sets forth Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) guidance for handling of proposals to close or restrict use of the airport for non-aeronautical purposes related to public health concerns. In general, the FAA does not permit temporary closure or restriction of federally obligated airports for non-aeronautical purposes. An airport sponsor must obtain FAA approval to allow airport closure for a non-aeronautical purpose. (Grant Assurance 19 and 49 U.S.C. § 47107(a)(8)). Grant Assurance 19 further requires that airport sponsors will not cause or permit any activity or action on the airport that would interfere with its use for airport purposes. This guidance includes all airport structures and operational areas.

If an Office of Airports employee receives a request from any entity to close any part of a federally obligated airport for non-aeronautical purposes related to public health concerns, the employee should immediately contact ACO-1 for further handling of the request.