June 18, 2020 – The continuing COVID-19 fallout has disrupted a significant number of chapter events, including monthly meetings, Young Eagles rallies, and chapter pancake breakfast events. Now that summer is upon us in most areas, we hope you can enjoy your opportunities to fly, or engage in any level of aviation you enjoy. It is aviation that brings us together.

EAA is continuing to monitor the situations across the country and answer questions regarding chapter and public events. Similar to businesses and other organizations, some of our EAA chapters and squadrons are beginning a re-opening process. As your chapter discusses the opportunity to re-engage we would like to again offer some updated guidance, as the situation will continue to evolve in different ways for different regions.

Follow CDC, state, and local regulations when planning a gathering. All people should become familiar with the CDC’s suggested health precautions.

Communicate with your local public health officials (city, county, etc.). They will have the best overview on the local situation regarding public events. Many states have extended the limits on public gatherings as they participate in different phases of their respective reopening plan.

Most states have closed schools as a precaution and organizations have canceled events for the immediate future. Unless your state is allowing youth activities to take place, EAA recommends postponing your chapter youth events at this time.

EAA has received confirmation from some of our chapters that they are beginning to hold monthly meetings and small gatherings while incorporating a level of caution and discipline regarding personal protection and space. Participation in these events is completely voluntary. When considering a potential reopening plan, please place health and safety first. Additional guidance and information about virtual meetings and food safety for chapters is located on EAA’s chapter webpage.

Any EAA members or chapter officers who do not feel well should not participate in chapter events at this time. Emphasize that the safety and health of all is the primary priority in any decision that is made.

Options for sharing aviation-related information in place of a traditional EAA chapter meeting include activities such as a phone or video conference on current chapter activities, inviting chapter members to engage in online activities such as EAA webinars, a Facebook Live event, or other online webcasts such as members sharing the status of a current project.

Your local chapter has a better gauge on the situation in your community than we here at EAA headquarters, so please decide accordingly when considering the types of
events and the potential number of participants. We will continue to advise chapters of the latest information we have available.