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**CITY OF NEWPORT
AIRPORT STAFF FURLOUGH
IMPACT ON AIRPORT SERVICES**

The effects of COVID-19 have had a serious financial impact on the city. City administration has required all non-represented employees to take 12 furlough days. This will affect the three staff positions at the airport. Finding a balance to meet customer needs and the furlough mandate is difficult.

Staff has determined that it should fulfill the 12-day furlough requirement as soon as possible in order to minimize the impact on airport users. Starting June 5, airport staff will be unavailable on Fridays and Saturdays until July 18. This will allow staff to return to its regular schedule during the busiest months at the airport which are late July, August, September, and October.

City staff will be available Monday through Thursday, from 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. until the 12 furlough days have been met. This will not affect the USCG Air Station, FedEx, UPS, military, private charter, corporate aircraft, or other general aviation from using the airfield for flight operations.

Services affected during the Friday and Saturday furlough include airfield maintenance, rental cars, and tenant issues that may come up during those days. Airport staff will be available for emergencies on Fridays and Saturdays.

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