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Covid-19 Impacts on NASS Programs

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Internal

• Maximized telework begins
  – March 17\textsuperscript{th} – NCR
  – March 19\textsuperscript{th} – remaining offices
• Suspended In Person Data Collection
  – March 18\textsuperscript{th}
• Implemented Decentralized Calling
  – March 19\textsuperscript{th}
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- **Decentralized Calling**
  - Call center staff provided equipment to call from home
- **June Area Survey Cancelled**
  - The June 2019 Area Frame will be used as the NOL sampling frame for all 2020 Multiple Frame Surveys
  - Several internal processing adjustments
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Mitigation

- 94 Percent of staff jobs are telework eligible
  - 86% of employees participate in core or situational telework
- Day to Day operations continue
  - How we do the day to day is different
    - Virtual meetings
    - Staff flexibilities
      » Dependent care
  - What we do is the same
- Very dedicated workforce
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- All Scheduled Reports Released as Scheduled
  - Issued 60 on-time reports since max telework
  - 189 on-time reports since December
- Response Rates
  - It still early in the annual survey cycle but so far no major impacts
    - Some surveys have actually seen improvements
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