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Covid-19 Impacts on NASS Programs

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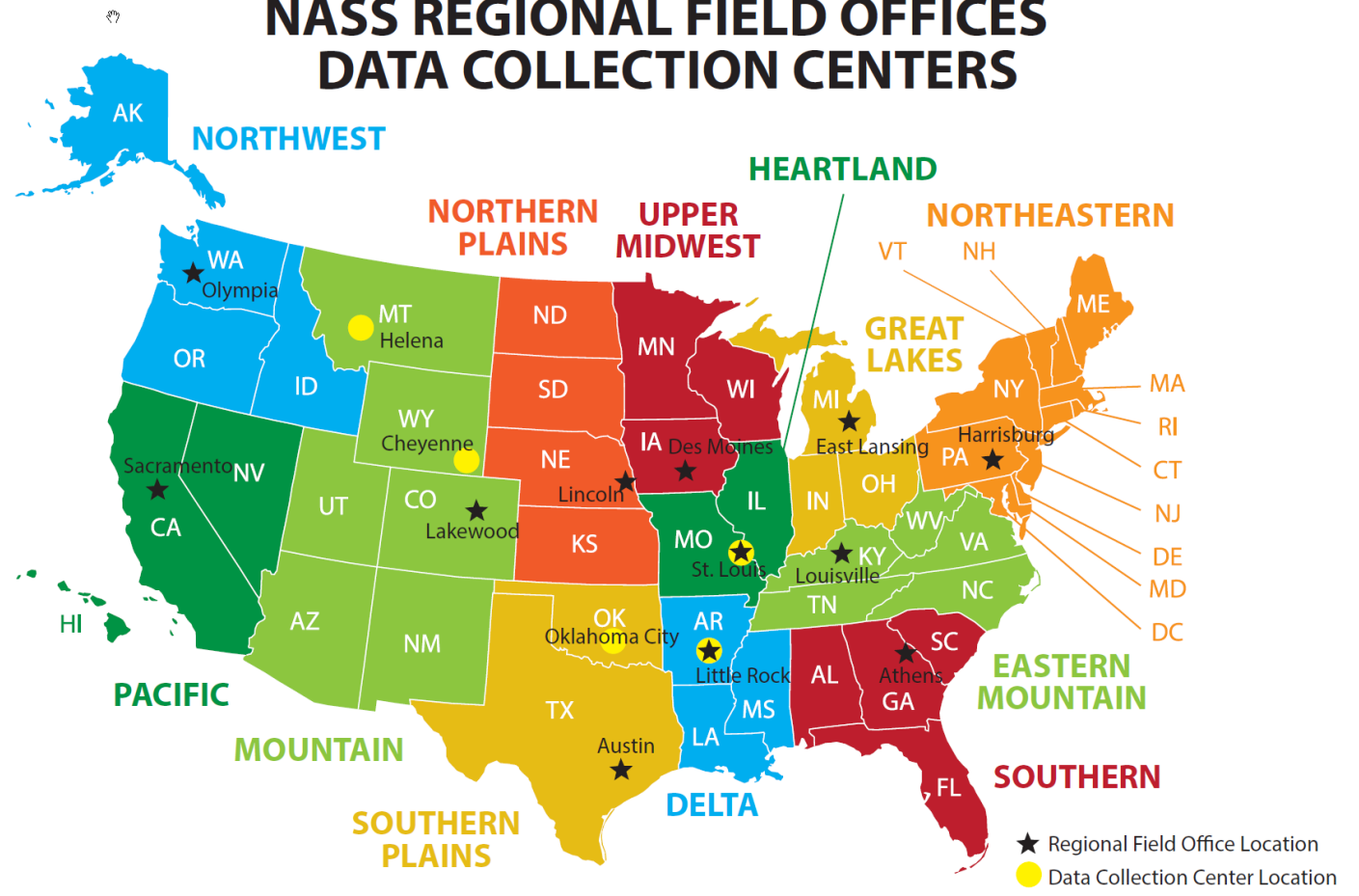
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NASS Regional Footprint

NASS REGIONAL FIELD OFFICES DATA COLLECTION CENTERS



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Internal

- Maximized telework begins
 - March 17th – NCR
 - March 19th – remaining offices
- Suspended In Person Data Collection
 - March 18th
- Implemented Decentralized Calling
 - March 19th



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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

Internal



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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

External



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