



Flight Training and Flight Operations
Under Executive Orders 61 & 62
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The Department of Aviation, in consultation with the Governor's Policy Office, offers to the aviation community advice on the types of pilot training and flights that are consistent with Executive Orders 53, 55, and 61. Note, also, the effects of Executive Order 62 in Northern Virginia, the City of Richmond, and Accomack County, described at the bottom of this guidance.

Flight instruction, properly and safely done, is consistent with Executive Order 61, and is allowed:

1. Bi-annual flight reviews, instrument proficiency checks, and other currency checks to ensure pilots continue to meet flight proficiency requirements. (Note that the Federal Aviation Administration's [\(FAA's\) guidance](#) extends the due dates of certain flight reviews. Please read the FAA guidance for more information.)
2. Training leading to an instrument rating, where the student either uses the aircraft for business travel or is preparing for a career as a professional pilot
3. Training required to obtain or to remain current in advanced ratings – Certified Flight Instructor (CFI), Certified Flight Instructor with Instrument instructor rating (CFII), Multi-Engine aircraft Instructor (MEI), Commercial, Airline Transport Pilot (ATP), type rating, or multi-engine
4. Dual instruction towards a private pilot license or other rating not noted herein.

Single-pilot operations are allowed by the orders. This includes solo flights for any Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) rating.

For **all** dual instruction, the department recommends practices consistent with the requirements in Executive Order 61, including:

- Service providers and employees providing dual instruction or other contact with others, while working, must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
- Provide face coverings for clients or ask that clients bring a face covering with them, which they must wear during the service.

- Limit services to only those that can be completed without clients removing their face covering.
- Employers must ensure cleaning and disinfection of an aircraft and any shared equipment after each use. This includes exterior and interior sides of doors, inspection plates, nav/com touch screens and knobs, power controls, and any other surfaces likely to be touched by a pilot.

Volunteers participating in relief missions should comply with the dual instruction provisions of this guidance.

All Virginia flight schools shall adhere to strict policies and precautions to protect the health of both instructor and student. Common sense for the protection and wellbeing of people participating in flight training is essential.

[Executive Order 62](#) for flying activities in Northern Virginia, Richmond City and Accomack County.

[Executive Order 62](#) continues through May 28 the stay-at-home limits in the Northern Virginia localities listed in the order. For dual instruction, this effectively restricts instructional dual flying to work-related flights listed in paragraphs 1, 2, and 3, above. In Northern Virginia, the City of Richmond, and Accomack County, for purely recreational pilots, the Commonwealth encourages delaying dual instruction, including bi-annual reviews, until the order is lifted. Recreational flying is not substantially different from other recreational activities limited by the Executive Orders. Please note that there are no airports in the City of Richmond.