

## **SOLIDARITY Against COVID-19**

### **Aviation Sans Frontières, French NGO, Creates Online Platform to Provide Free Air Transportation to Critically Needed Healthcare Workers**

Aviation Sans Frontières, a group devoted to using aviation to provide humanitarian assistance, is setting up a collaborative online platform to arrange free transportation for urgently needed healthcare workers. This new platform will be devoted to transportation needs in France and Europe.

Given the scale of the crisis imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic and the immense needs of hospitals for personnel such as anesthesiologists and ICU nurses, Aviation Sans Frontières teams, shifted from their typical duties, have established a collaborative digital platform to quickly match healthcare workers (plus small medical equipment) and on-demand air transportation.

The online launch of the platform is planned for the next few days and will be found on the organization's website [www.asf-fr.org](http://www.asf-fr.org). In the meantime, all requests for healthcare assistance and offers of aviation transport will be received and quickly processed at **covid-19@asf-fr.org**

Aviation Sans Frontières calls on aviation professionals and the air transport sector (business aviation, regional airlines, aircraft owners) to make their aircraft and flight crews available at no charge.

Aviation Sans Frontières also calls on medical personnel, most critically in anesthesia-resuscitation, who can reinforce overwhelmed medical facilities such as the Parisian APHP at the moment. These professionals can bring along light equipment and materials.

#### **Background**

Aviation Sans Frontières, for the past 40 years, has used the skills of the aeronautical world to respond to humanitarian needs. The organization has been recognized for its expertise in crisis management, most notably for missions in West Africa to fight the Ebola epidemic.

Today Gérard Feldzer, president of Aviation Sans Frontières, and his team are in the process of mobilizing the aviation community in a spirit of solidarity. Their aim is to put humanitarian aviation at the service of those directly battling COVID-19 in France and internationally.

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