

# Covid Catchup: How did I do?

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Here are the correct answers to the questions on Covid Catchup. **How did you do?** Tougher questions get more points, so add up all the scores to get your total, and we'll tell you below how you rate.

## NAT Answers

- A** Shanwick. **4 points.**
- B** Descend (SAND= South Ascend, North Descend). **5 points.**
- C** Yes (NAT OTS levels are always between 290-410, which is the new datalink altitude requirement). **7 points.**
- D** Tango 290, Northbound. **8 points.**

## Places Answers

- A** There are restrictions. Israel has a list of about 140 airports you can depart from. **6 points.**
- B** No, unless you have a non-standard airworthiness or something else weird. **6 points.**
- C** Yes, ops normal again, no special procedures. **7 points.**
- D** Israel and Qatar. **8 points.**

## Pilot Answers

- A** South Korea. **7 points.**
- B** The ASI (Airspeed Indicator). **8 points.**
- C** Nothing – sit on your hands for a few seconds, at least. More here. **10 points.**
- D** 1998 had the same traffic levels as 2020. More here. **10 points** if you answered between 1990-2010.

## Risk Answers

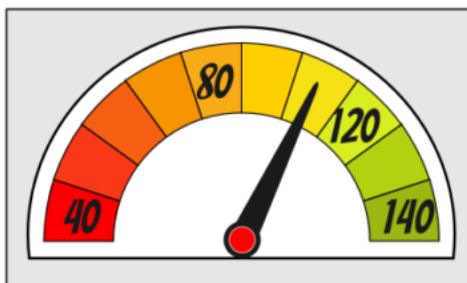
- A** The Polisario. **8 points.**
- B** Vilnius, Lithuania. **5 points.**
- C** Eritrea. **5 points.**
- D** Israel, Saudi Arabia, and Iraq. **10 points, or 6 points** if you got two right.

## Random Answers

- A** Any two of these: VABF/Mumbai, VOMF/Chennai and VECF/Kolkata FIRs, ZJSA/Sanya FIR, SOOO/Cayenne FIR, NTTT/Tahiti FIR, GVSC/Sal Oceanic FIR, WMFC/Kuala Lumpur, FSSS/Seychelles Oceanic. **8 points.**
- B** ULLI/St. Petersburg (back in 2017). **7 points.**
- C** 8 hours. **4 points.**
- D** Yes. Yes they do. **10 points.**

Add them up! This will be a good test of how many of the changes in the last 18 months you're up to speed on.

### HOW DO YOU RATE?



<b>BELOW 40:</b>	Stay safe and stay home.
<b>40-80:</b>	Pause Netflix and do some more reading.
<b>OVER 80</b>	Start planning your international trip!
<b>OVER 120</b>	Wow! Dust off that resume and send it to ICAO.
<b>OVER 140</b>	You're either Steve Thorpe or you're cheating.

Thanks for playing! Did you enjoy the game? Let us know at [ops.team@ops.group](mailto:ops.team@ops.group). Keep an eye out for more OPSGROUP games in your **member dashboard**.

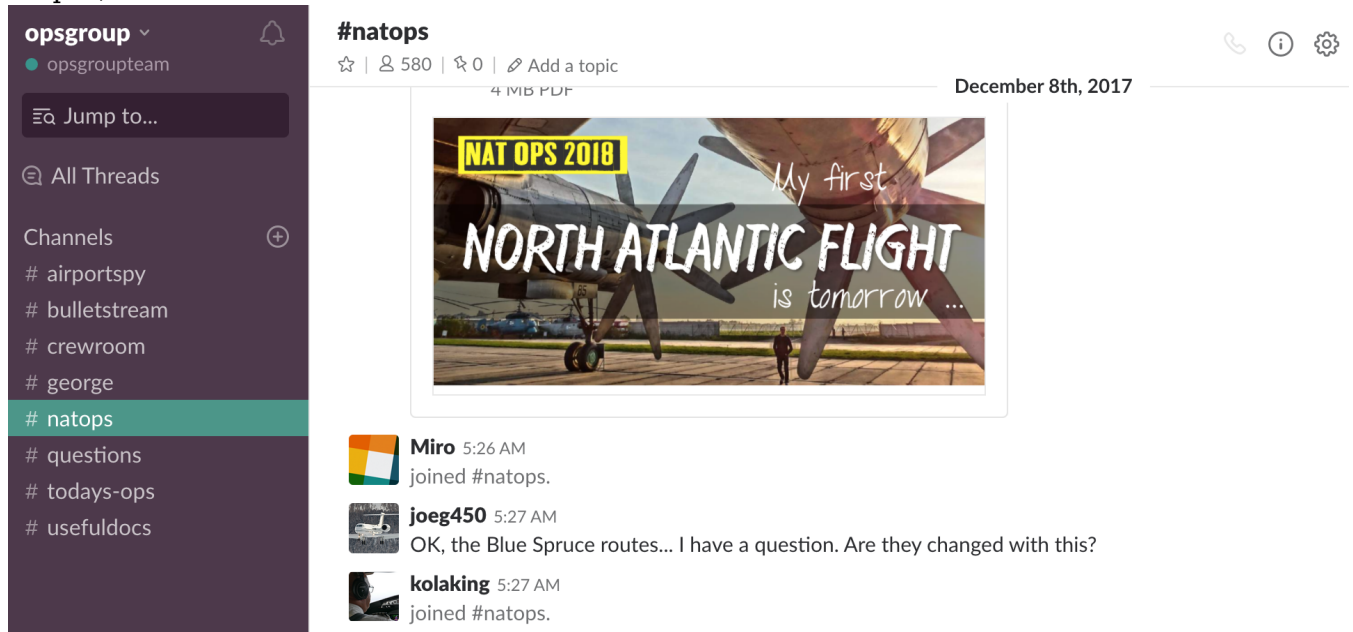
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**NAT OPS 2018**  
My first  
**NORTH ATLANTIC FLIGHT**  
is tomorrow ...

**Miro** 5:26 AM  
joined #natops.

**joeg450** 5:27 AM  
OK, the Blue Spruce routes... I have a question. Are they changed with this?

**kolaking** 5:27 AM  
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**OPSGROUP** is an international community of Pilots, Dispatchers, Controllers and Aircraft Operators. We have 4000 members across 90 countries, responsible for managing and operating Airline, Corporate, Private and Military flights. Members share information and work together to make International Flight Operations easier.

Every day in different channels in **slack** – an app that allows live discussion – there are discussions on the latest rule changes, airspace rules, airport , big weather, incidents, events – anything that might make your day more interesting, especially if you don't know about it.



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opsgroupteam 5:28 AM

No, Blue Spruce remain the same. No changes to structure in this. If you don't have datalink, you can sti at all levels in fact, no restrictions there.

joeg450 5:31 AM

What if we dispatch without datalink, but normally have it. Can we use the tracks at all?

opsgroupteam 5:34 AM

Well, yes you can - outside of the FL350-FL390 block. But you can't enter HLA at those levels without c it's a different story (becomes more of tactical thing).

FSB-Dave 5:35 AM

joined #natops along with 2 others.

We have multiple channels discussion International Operations across the world.

**So, to make our discussions better - and get more input from the official side - we are inviting controllers - Tower, Approach, Enroute, CAA's, FAA's, Airport operators - to join and be there to see what operators want to know from you.**

We are inviting **YOU** to join the discussion. If you'd like to connect directly with the pilots and operators using your airspace, airport, or trying their best to follow your new rules, then you will find being part of the Slack discussion useful. And in turn, our members will be most happy to have you on board to ask questions now and again.

## How it works

You'll get a login that matches what you do, so it's easy for group members to see who you are. If you're a controller at Shanwick, then we might use **@shanwick\_atc**, or if you're the Ops manager for Sydney airport, then you'll become **@SYDAirport**. If you're the second person there, then we'll call you **@SYDAirport-Tim**, or whatever. If you're at Eurocontrol, then maybe **@eurocontrol\_ops**. If you're at the Slovenian CAA, then **@SloveniaCAA**. And so on.

You can view slack in your browser, download the App for your phone, or one for your Mac or PC. Either way, you'll get immediate access to our group of 4000+ members, and can interact with them.

## Win Win

You get to talk to your airspace users, customers, and rule-followers, and see what's going on. And they get to talk to you. It's an informal environment, so we don't expect any official responses or need to use bureau-speak. Just help folks along their way. There's no charge to join in this way - we are happy to have

your input and knowledge!

## OPSGROUP

There is no obligation to join the group as full member, but you are most welcome to – you'll get a full weekly International Ops Briefing, daily updates, access to Airport Spy, Guides, Lowdowns, Charts – for the full rundown on that [click here](#).

### Invitation

Joining our slack discussion group is by invitation from the FSB Team. If you haven't received an invite, pop your details in [here](#) and we'll let you know.

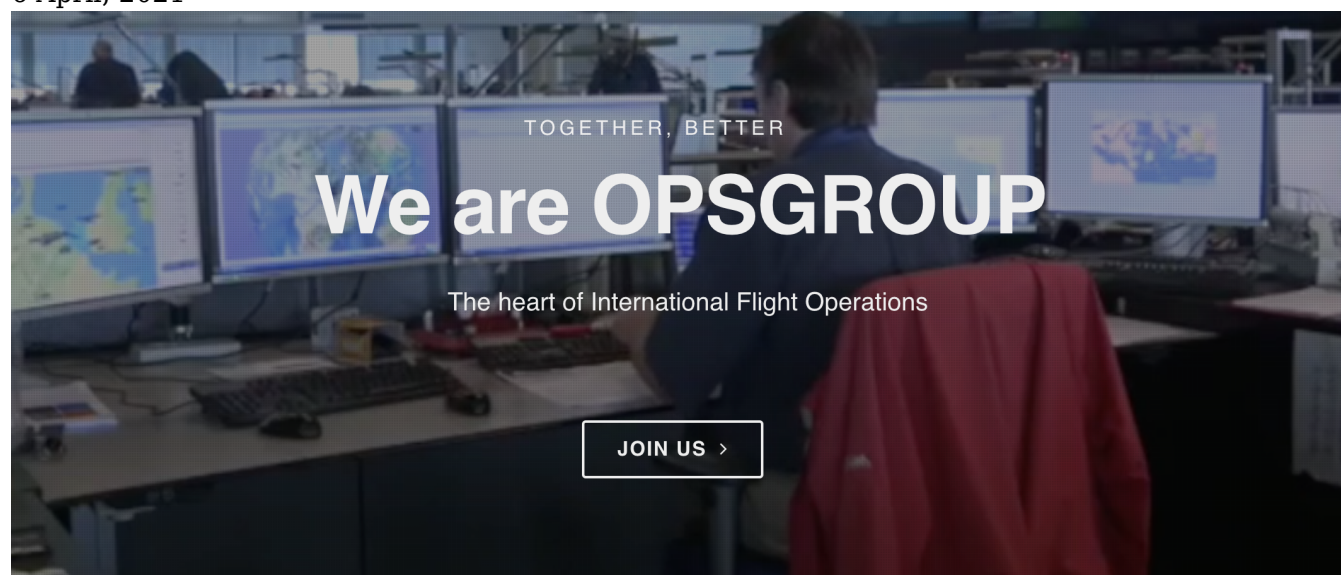
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# OPSGROUP 2018 is open - new members welcome - 20 reasons to join

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**Opsgroup2018 is open to new members.**

Read **OPSGROUP: The Power of the Group** – and then see below for more reasons to join us.

## 20 REASONS *you should be in OPSGROUP*

- 01** You will be **smarter** and **safer**. OPSGROUP makes International Flight Ops **easier**.
- 02** **Safe Airspace**. Learning lessons from MH17, we share risk information, with a big map.
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- 06** **Ask Anything**. Every intl ops question you have, answered - by the group, or the team.
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