Palomar Airport Traffic Control Tower

Airport Traffic Control Tower Adjusted Hours of Operation

To ensure the continued resiliency of the air traffic control system amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the FAA is adjusting the hours of operation at Palomar Airport Traffic Control Tower. Making these adjustments allows for continued safe operations throughout the national airspace system while minimizing health risks to our workforce.

Beginning April 29th, 2020, our operating hours are 8:00am to 6:00pm.

In-Flight or Airport Emergencies

When the tower is closed, pilots and airport customers are required to use the Palomar Airport Common Traffic Advisory Frequency (CTAF), 118.6. Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) will be monitoring the frequency. Should you experience an in-flight or airport emergency, contact ARFF via CTAF, ARFF will monitor CTAF between 545am and 1145pm. If you are unable to reach ARFF, and between the hours of 1145pm and 545am, please contact our overlying radar facility, Southern California TRACON, on 127.3

Airspace and Clearances

Southern California TRACON will assume responsibility of the airspace when we close. Please follow the guidelines for clearance delivery as outlined in the Chart Supplement Southwest. Consult NOTAMs for latest information when tower is closed.

Runway Safety When Tower is Closed

Please be extra vigilant when operating near or crossing a runway when the tower is closed. The tower will not be able to provide extra safety oversight, and we encourage our airport customers to use extra caution when operating on the airfield after closing hours.

ATIS Frequency: 120.15

Palomar Tower: 118.6 (CTAF)

Palomar Ground: 121.8

Clearance Delivery: 134.85

SoCal Operations: 800-448-3724

SoCal Approach: 127.3

ATCT Operations: 760-438-2972

ATCT Administration: 760-438-4969 ext. 10