

Team Thule – I and the other leaders are working hard to make sure everyone at Thule Air Base has the latest, factual information regarding the ongoing Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. I know for many of you social media is your primary means of staying informed, so I will begin posting information here at least once per week. I also encourage everyone to watch the Commander’s TV channel 110 for the latest information on Thule’s current HPCON and mandatory health protection measures. Finally, I and other functional area experts will be on Thule Radio in the next few days to provide further updates and answer your questions.

As the Installation Commander, I am responsible for protecting assigned United States Air Force units, tenant units, joint or coalition forces, civilians, government contractors, military dependents, host nation or third country civilians and guests present on the installation during a public health emergency or incident of public health concern – so basically, *everyone on base*. In addition, it is my responsibility to ensure mission essential operations on the installation continue with little or no interruption. I take both of these responsibilities very seriously.

We are closely monitoring the ongoing and rapidly evolving pandemic and continually consulting with our reach-back medical support at the 21st Medical Group at Peterson AFB. I also encourage all Thule AB personnel to review the facts and daily situation updates published by the U.S. Center for Disease Control.

My specific goals for this current public health situation:

1. Continually educate all Thule AB personnel with factual information on the Coronavirus pandemic, including symptoms, prevention, and treatment. Also includes informing base personnel of Installation Commander-directed HPCON conditions and associated actions taken to mitigate and contain the infection at Thule AB.
2. Delay the infecting of Thule AB personnel by screening personnel and isolating and restricting movement of potentially infected personnel to mitigate the spread of the virus.
3. Treat, as best as possible, sick Thule AB personnel, and if necessary, medically evacuate personnel to higher level care.

As a reminder, contact the Thule AB Medical Clinic staff with any questions or concerns, and most importantly, **call the Clinic at 629-2696 or 2782 if you feel ill. DO NOT COME TO THE CLINIC, but stay in your dorm room in order to prevent possible virus spread.**

Finally, this ongoing pandemic is very unique, and an unfamiliar situation many of us have never faced. If you have ideas, suggestions, or comments on ways to improve communications or ways to more effectively protect everyone on Team Thule, please contact the 821 ABG Emergency Management staff, Capt Peter Amaddio or TSgt Brian Nagler.

Proud to lead and help protect Team Thule!

Col Tim Bos

