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PETERSON AFB & CMAFS DECLARES PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. – The Peterson AFB installation commander declared a public health emergency for the base at 5 p.m. today due to the evolving threat of COVID-19. As a result, commanders are asked to limit in-office activities to those that are required for critical mission accomplishment as determined by unit commanders.

For continually updated information, monitor Peterson AFB's social media outlets or visit <https://www.peterson.af.mil/Coronavirus/>.

The declaration of a public health emergency allows the base commander to take certain protective measures, such as restricting base movement and limiting services. The emergency order is in place for 30 days. The order can be terminated or extended as required.

“Declaring a public health emergency on Peterson allows us a proactive approach to protect the safety and health of our Airmen and the surrounding community,” said Col. Thomas Falzarano, 21st Space Wing and Peterson AFB installation commander. “Our top priority remains mitigating the effects and potential spread of this coronavirus.”

Precautionary measures base officials have enacted:

- Outdoor Recreation will temporarily be closed.
- Military Personnel Facility will remain open for appointments only.
- Promotion testing will be postponed effective March 30.



- Dental clinic services will be limited to readiness related appointments and dental emergencies.

- Base medical clinic remains open, but with limited capacity. If possible, consider booking a virtual appointment with your primary care manager rather than a face-to-face visit. All appointments can be made by calling 719-524-2273 option 1.

- COVID-19 point of testing remains open to those with appointments at the Peterson car wash.

The base leadership team stands ready to assist with special or unique circumstances, and will adjust additional services based on continuous health risk assessments. Base leadership asks for patience and flexibility from all facets of the community as we all navigate through this viral pandemic.

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