

Knights,

As we move closer towards a month at this new COVID-19 normal, it's vital that we continue to communicate, stay in synch and take care of each other. As we assess the situation, planning is ongoing for actions we might have to take in what we call a move from HPCON C to C+, C++ and Delta. I tell you this not to raise the alarm or worry you. Your leadership is proactively examining all the potential actions we might need to implement if COVID-19 numbers in our community rise significantly.

To keep everyone up to date, we've installed a COVID-19 button on our Peterson AFB App. The App can be downloaded by searching for AFConnect and searching for Peterson once it's installed.

Good news on the testing front. By planning ahead several weeks ago we were able to receive a shipment of viral testing media and have enough COVID tests to continue testing for several weeks without resupply. We are testing about 30 patients per day at our drive-thru point of testing at the base car wash and getting results back in 2-3 days with about a ~4% positive rate. This is significantly below the national and state positive test averages and speaks directly to the actions you and your families are taking. Of course you must be pre-screened prior to arriving by calling our clinic.

Unfortunately, health professionals are still predicting that COVID-19 cases in Colorado Springs and other places will rise. The installation commanders across the front-range continue to telecon with the Mayor weekly to stay in synch as this is a city-wide response. I know the same is true at all of our 27 operating locations. For those who have to work from the base, we've added to our cleaning contracts and purposely built in the ability to expand further as the need arises.

We are balancing our actions with an eye on mental health as well. Thank you for talking to your unit leadership the last couple days. We just concluded a 100% contact conversation in the 21 SW. Many of you have similar concerns over school, PCS's, buying or selling a home, loss of a second income in your home, high risk family members, continued operation of Child Development Centers, or sometimes contradictory guidance issued by myself, housing and state/local officials. We are working on all of your concerns...many of which I will elevate to both the Air Chief and the Space Chief. Unfortunately many in our family are dealing with the death of a loved one sometimes thousands of miles away. We will continue to expedite these and other travel waivers so that you can be with your loved ones. Our hearts go out to all have experienced loss compounded with the difficulty of isolation.

Now more than ever all of us need a little sense of normalcy. Our Force Support Squadron is working every day to bring a little smile to our faces. We will soon open up a drive in movie theater. We've made all golf free if you want to get out by yourself (properly distanced with your own equipment) and walk the course. Similar to what the USAFA is doing, we are looking at a by appointment only system for the gym (very small numbers at a time) and analyzing that

risk with the medical team before taking action to reopen the gym. Our par 3 course is open for families (by themselves) to play foot golf. We are also starting a pizza special on Wednesdays for pickup service at Colorado Pizza kitchen. We can and will balance being safe with maintaining good mental, physical, and spiritual health.

We've seen a few communication issues this week with network connectivity. Our cyber teams are ready to respond as soon as we discover any issues. We know telework is not easy and many times impossible...but we are improving and learning every day.

We are taking additional innovative proactive steps. You'll now see Plexiglas shields installed for BX/ Commissary cashiers, CDC, MPF, Shopette, Pharmacy, visitor center, and all customer service areas. Our CE warriors got this up around base in 48 hours! Thank you Pharmacy and Commissary teams for telling me your great idea on one of my walkabouts...you guys rock!

Planning continues for restrictions short of declaring a full HPCON D, which could further lock down the base and curtail/control services. As I mentioned, we are viewing these increased procedures as HPCON C+. My promise to you is that no matter what, we will not stop providing the services essential to you and your family and the critical role you play on our team. The Commissary and BX provide absolutely critical services. While further protective measures could be needed...they will be open for everyone! This includes retirees who have fought for our Nation and many who bear the scars. Our medical warriors will continue to work for you every single day...they are our first line of defense! Our first responders, defenders, chefs, communicators, contracting officers, finance experts, logisticians, and many many more will continue to deliver for our entire team.

Now more than ever we need each other. Thank you for your great ideas and the encouraging words to your fellow knights. Chief and I plan to start a regular Tuesday Facebook live event to answer many of your questions concerning your families, careers and recent changes which impact us all. I will also continue my Friday Facebook live with our medical team to answer more specific COVID-19 concerns. Keep the questions coming!

Proud to serve alongside you!

V/r,
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