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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL PETERSON AFB and CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN AFS PERSONNEL

FROM: 21 SW/CC

SUBJECT: Public Health Directive #3

1. The novel coronavirus, commonly known as COVID-19, continues to pose challenges to the safety and readiness of all personnel on Peterson Air Force Base (Peterson AFB) and Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station (CMAFS). On 23 March 2020, in accordance with Air Force Instruction 10-2519, *Public Health Emergencies and Incidents of Public Health Concern*, and after extensive consultation with my Public Health Emergency Officer (PHEO), this command declared a Public Health Emergency. This updated public health directive is being issued in accordance with Chapter 3 of that same regulation and reflects a new phase in the Installation's coronavirus response.

2. General safety measures have previously been implemented through various orders and directives to those under the authority of the installation commander of Peterson AFB and CMAFS. In order to clarify and unify those directives, the following additional measures are to be implemented immediately;

a. All personnel are directed to comply with the state and local government “safer-at-home and in the vast, great outdoors” directives. Decisions on manning levels at base work centers are within the discretion of unit commanders.

i. Travel outside the home should be limited to travel that is necessary. Limit the number of individuals participating in travel based on the particular work or travel requirements and available childcare. However, all personnel are encouraged to enjoy outdoor spaces where it is possible to maintain a safe physical distance. Work travel is appropriate as directed by the unit commander.

ii. Excursions outside of the home for physical and mental fitness are permitted (and encouraged), but should still be limited to individual or family outings (*e.g.*, running, walking, hiking, biking, playground activities, functional fitness, etc). Excursions must remain within the travel limits set by unit command.

b. All personnel on Peterson AFB and CMAFS will wear a cloth face covering or mask that covers the nose and mouth when they cannot maintain six feet of physical distancing in public areas or work centers.

i. “Public Areas” explicitly includes, but is not limited to; all AAFES-operated locations, the Commissary, Post Office, and drop off/pick up at the Child Development Center, so long as those locations remain in operation. Exempted from this directive are persons within their personally owned vehicles (alone or with family members), persons exercising outdoors (provided there is enough physical distance between the person exercising and others), and children who are being cared for within the Peterson Child Development Center.

ii. Acceptable “cloth face coverings or masks” for those in civilian attire includes cloth/cotton masks, a neck gaiter, balaclavas, bandanas (provided they are tucked to ensure proper covering of the mouth), scarves, or other similar coverings. These coverings should be regularly cleaned in accordance

with guidance to be provided by the 21st Medical Group. Military members in uniform should wear a face covering or mask in compliance with DOD guidance. Commanders will ensure face coverings worn by uniformed military members are conservative, professional, and in keeping with dignity and respect. Do not use personal protective equipment (e.g., N95 respirators or surgical masks) as these should be reserved for medical professionals.

iii. Security personnel may require the lowering of face covers to verify identification.

c. All personnel are directed to implement physical distancing. Wherever possible, all individuals are to maintain a minimum distance of six feet distance between themselves and any other individuals who are not a member of their immediate family.

d. All personnel may participate in gatherings limited to 50 personnel or less, so long as the gathering location allows for appropriate physical distancing and implements mandatory mask wear by participants where physical distancing is not feasible. Gatherings of 50-75 personnel will require Group Commander or equivalent approval, and gatherings over 75 personnel will require Installation Commander approval.

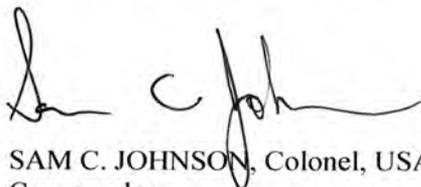
Gatherings of a personal nature must abide by the physical distancing guidance and the use of cloth face coverings or masks as noted above.

e. All personnel who have been tested for COVID-19 must report the same to the Medical Group Representative and to their immediate supervisor, who will implement appropriate reporting through the chain of command. This directive includes all personnel who have been tested, regardless of the results of those tests. Any questions regarding what events should be reported should be addressed to that person's immediate supervisor.

3. For additional and supplementary guidance from the state of Colorado public health authorities, please visit <https://covid19.colorado.gov/safer-at-home>. For additional and supplementary guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, please visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>. Personnel are encouraged to regularly visit these resources in order to remain informed and aware of any additional state or federal guidance.

4. As used in this directive, the term "personnel" includes the following individuals: military members, government employees, contractors physically working on Peterson AFB and CMAFS, civilians residing on Peterson AFB, and retirees and other civilians who otherwise have access to Peterson AFB or CMAFS (upon their entrance to the same).

5. This memorandum is directive, is effective on the date it is signed, and will terminate only when directed by the 21 SW/CC, in consultation with the Public Health Emergency Officer. Any person who refuses to obey or otherwise violates its provisions may be detained and turned over to military or civilian authorities. For military members, violations are punishable under the UCMJ. For all personnel, violations are punishable under the United States Code (USC), to include 18 USC 1001, 18 USC 1382, and 42 USC 271. Any personnel who fail to adhere to this memorandum or subsequent orders may be subject to debarment (denied access to the installation).



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