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USAFA Parents

As we monitor the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus), I would like to share the latest information as it pertains to the United States Air Force Academy. First, I can assure you that foremost among our priorities and concerns is the health and well-being of our Cadets. USAFA and the surrounding military installations are currently deemed “low risk,” but we are taking every precaution we can to prevent the spread of the virus and mitigate potential risk factors. We will continue to assess the situation and remain prepared for any contingency.

While the State of Colorado is monitoring several presumptive cases of COVID-19, there are currently no known cases among the USAFA staff, faculty, or cadets. We are not waiting for a crisis to develop before taking steps to educate and safeguard USAFA community members in preventing a widespread outbreak, and preparing should cases develop on our campus. I have established a working group to assess geographic risks and provide USAFA specific recommendations accordingly. Per those discussions, I have restricted official travel for cadets, cadet candidates, and permanent party staff outside of the United States for the month of March. In addition, personal/leisure travel to countries with a CDC Level 2 or higher rating is prohibited for the month of March. As of today, outside of these travel guidelines we have not made changes to the upcoming Cadet Spring Break.

This is a dynamic situation that can change quickly, with the potential for additional changes to travel restrictions, scheduled events, operations, and athletic competitions. As a resource for our community, we have created a webpage at <http://www.USAFA.EDU/news/coronavirus> that will cover some basics on COVID-19, list current travel restrictions, and provide additional information. The webpage will be updated as new information, guidance, and restrictions emerge. I encourage you to monitor this webpage and maintain contact with your cadets.

We are taking this health risk very seriously, and will continue to keep you informed with updates as they become available. If you have questions or need additional information, please reach out to our parent liaison Ms. Marie Nikovits at USAFA.PARENTLIASON.EDU or 719-333-3828.

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