

Team USAFA,

BLUF: Effective Monday November 2, the USAF Academy will return to Reopening Phase II-a status. Health Protection Condition (HPCON) status will remain at Bravo. As the COVID-19 pandemic evolves we must continue to adapt installation policies and preventive actions.

The crisis is constantly transforming, and our posture must also adjust to appropriately balance protecting base personnel while ensuring continued mission effectiveness. Do not let your guard down. Stay vigilant and continue to implement and enforce (1) HPCON Bravo actions, (2) USAFA Phase II-a Reopening actions, (3) Mission Element specific phased response plans, and (4) all the public health measures which have kept you and your families safe and ultimately assured our mission.

The virus is still very much alive and until we have an approved COVID-19 vaccine, adherence to the established public health measures remains our best defense.

We've got to be brilliant at the basics:

- Stay home if you are sick
- Practice social distancing; avoid close contact (within 6ft)
- Wear a cloth face covering when around others, particularly indoors and in shared or common spaces
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Avoid sharing personal items
- Frequently clean surfaces that have been touched

On 23 October the State of Colorado passed a public health order limiting social gatherings to no more than 10 people and no more than two households in that gathering. **Please see detailed and updated guidance on USAFA social gatherings in the attached Phase II-a guidance.**

Another important line of effort in our COVID-19 fight is our USAFA COVID surveillance testing. We are leading the entire Department of Defense with this effort. As a result of our surveillance testing, we've identified COVID infections in both our Cadets and Airmen. This early detection allows us to protect our entire team by preventing a wide scale outbreak so thank you for your support in this effort.

Teleworking, zoning your workplaces, and teaming (Blue & Silver) our workforce has and will continue to be incredibly important. Double down on these efforts and continue to look for ways to do things smarter and safer than we've ever done them before. And remember, individual choices affect everyone around us. Remain vigilant and take personal responsibility to keep you, your families, and all of USAFA healthy and safe.

Together we will fight through this pandemic and protect one another, our families, and our mission...if we are disciplined in following our plans and established public health measures on or off-duty, on or off-base.

As always, thank you for your time, attention, and excellence! Stay safe and healthy.

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