

## Cadet Wing,

As the number of COVID cases rise across the nation, Colorado, and El Paso county, it is no surprise that we are seeing a rise within our own population as well. As the Superintendent explained last night, this situation requires swift, deliberate action on all of our parts to protect the health and safety of the wing and reverse the current trend. We have all been working diligently over the last 8 months to be prepared for this likely increase, and our modeling has been very predictive in forecasting how COVID would spread once we starting to see increased numbers in the cadet wing. Just as we have relied on that modeling and our surveillance testing, the modeling data is now informing how (and for how long) we should adjust current activities to best prevent increased spread.

As a result, we are transitioning to COVID Response Phase 3 (with some specific stipulations) with an intent to limit unnecessary interaction. We are working on updated phase guidance to incorporate feedback from the last 2.5 months and better align with our current environment and projected needs moving forward. Effectively immediately, the following guidance applies:

- Remain on USAFA installation
- Permitted to leave base for a limited duration for necessities only (take-out food, grocery store, personal necessities) (AOC approval)
- Overnight passes via ETP only (Commandant approval)
- On-base running/hiking is permitted
- Use of all on-base facilities
- Haps open (reduced capacity)
- CFC/Pool open (reduced capacity)
- Arnold Hall Food Court open
- On-base or virtual religious services
- All clubs virtual only
- No knowledge bowls
- All Intramurals, SAMIs, AMIs, PAIs, and NMF temporarily suspended
- Limited DDT/Unit PT activities (CWT/Upgrades staff will provide more specific guidance)

As always, we must continue to balance public health efforts with overall quality of life and well-being, and we remain committed to providing you as many outlets, services, and recreational opportunities as safely as possible during this period of reduced liberties, starting this weekend. Friday night's 10 FSS event at Arnold Hall, which has been carefully planned and endorsed by public health, will continue as scheduled. Saturday's CUL-funded squadron events will also continue (as this is the only way to provide that meal at this point), but will require extra vigilance from everyone involved (masks, spacing, separation between squadrons, etc.). Also, while not mandatory, cadets wishing to attend the football game on Saturday may do so. A NOTAM will be published shortly with details for the game.

Based on analysis of the current data, we expect a need to maintain this posture for roughly 3 weeks to be able to prevent further increase. As we look ahead on the calendar, we are committed to taking these necessary steps in an effort to preserve your ability to leave over winter break, but this will require each one of us doing our part to keep ourselves and each other healthy.

As always, this is about leadership...this is about taking care of your fellow Airmen/space professionals. We all must continue to own our role in preventing the spread of COVID. Please continue

to hold each other accountable, do the right thing, set the example, and stay focused on the goal....keep COVID away and get home healthy for the holiday break.

Thank you for your commitment to our institution, our nation, and to each other, and for rising to meet this latest challenge with a positive attitude. With every challenge a new opportunity, and together we are ready to once again stand together and get past one more challenge in our fight against this invisible threat.

Standing by your side.

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