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The mission of USAFA is essential to our Nation's defense. As a critical accession source, we cannot pause our mission. I am very proud of how, as an organization, we have adapted and innovated to continue developing leaders for our Air and Space Forces. We have an ongoing duty to train and grow those leaders of character that will lead the next generation of Airmen, despite the constraints of the pandemic. As the summer takes shape and we continue to plan for the Fall, know that we are not stopping our mission.

As we heard last week we have made many key decisions that will shape our summer programs and the tactical details continue to emerge. Summer will look different, but basic training and many of other summer programs will continue in some form. That effort stretches across all elements of the installation. We must be smart about risks and be creative in how we accomplish the mission. For those elements that are able to do so, I absolutely encourage teleworking as part of our Pandemic Response Continuity of Operations Plan. COVID-19 rates of infection at USAFA remain low, I need your support in keeping them down.

As we reopen services on base, the 10 ABW and 10 MDG are continually evaluating the conditions in the state, county, and locally. As we proceed through a slow, phased approach to expansion of services at USAFA, do not forget the real and potentially fatal threat of the virus. It takes individual action to protect our community. Continue to practice physical distancing, wear face-coverings when necessary, sanitize workspaces routinely, and use blue/silver teaming. That being said, more and more of our base is open each week. Note that the North Gate is open from 0600-0800, and 15-1700 each day and our trails and roads are open to exercise. Take advantage and get outside in a safe way - enjoy this Colorado weather.

To recap my comments from Thursday regarding the DoD Stop Movement Order, if the dates for your PCS are problematic after adjustment by AFPC, please discuss with your chain of command. Further, I encourage each of you not to make any personal or financial commitments here or at your gaining location that may unduly cause personal hardship. The limitations of JPPSO in this environment simply cannot support all of the pre-COVID movement plans.

While this week's update was shorter, I do plan to continue our communication. Thursday's live-stream will include AD and CCLD. Going forward we will shift to an every-other-week rhythm as we settle into our summer training. Don't let that stop you from communicating with your chain of command as issues arise or innovative ideas present themselves. You are the key to making USAFA better. Every one of you is vital to our mission success.

Stay healthy, stay connected, JS