

Team USAFA,

As you're aware, many schools are closing due to the rapid spread of COVID-19. After much deliberation and discussion, we have made the conservative decision to begin an orderly dismissal cadet candidates at the prep school and four, three and two degrees. We will keep the first class cadets here. The goal of this action is to maximize the chances of graduating our senior class on time for our Air and Space Forces while ensuring the best possible care for the entire base populace.

Ultimately, the deciding factor was recommendations from our public health officials and the inability to execute social distancing over 4,000 cadets here on campus. We did not make this decision lightly; we consulted with our medical professionals, sister service academies and local civic leaders, among others.

At this time, while we have multiple members of our base populace being monitored, we still have no confirmed cases of COVID-19 at USAFA. Please continue to monitor the website <http://www.USAFA.EDU/news/coronavirus> for more information, and we will share more information as it becomes available.

Thank you for your continued leadership as we respond to this rapidly evolving situation.

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