

Team USAFA,

Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) continues to spread and is an increasing force health protection threat worldwide. This is a dynamic situation; we are closely monitoring and preparing for any impacts to our mission. USAFA and surrounding installations are currently deemed “low risk,” but the most important thing we can do to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to this virus. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continues to stress general precautions to prevent the spread of communicable diseases: wash your hands often and cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze. If you are sick, please coordinate with your chain of command and stay home or in your dorm room.

We are not going to wait for a crisis to develop before we take steps to educate and safeguard our military and civilian personnel and family members in preventing wide spread outbreak. I have established a working group that will assess geographic risks and provide USAFA specific recommendations. Similarly, we created a webpage www.USAF.A.EDU/news/coronavirus that will cover some basics on COVID-19, list current travel restrictions, and provide resources. The webpage will be updated as new information, guidance, and restrictions emerge. All personnel should continue to check for updated restrictions prior to overseas travel; restrictions may change with little notice.

Thank you in advance for taking every precaution to protect yourself and others against this virus. If you have questions or need additional information on the above, please reach out to Public Health at usaf.usafa.10-mdg.mbx.public-health@mail.mil.

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