



COVID-19

Air Force Reserve COVID-19 Key Talking Points, March 25, 2020

TOPLINE MESSAGES

- We are implementing **Force Health Protection** actions to ensure that our **military is capable** of performing its **priority mission** of Homeland Defense; **local commanders** make appropriate FHP decisions regarding their specific installations.
- **Force Health Protection is our top priority**, and we will continue to ensure that AF personnel have the most up-to-date information on preventative measures.
- The Air Force is committed to **preserving the ability of our servicemen and women** to provide for **national defense**.
- We follow **risk-based measures** consistent with **guidance from the DOD and CDC**, and with consideration of travel advisories and **disease-mitigation** measures from the DOS.
- We have **plans** in place and are taking steps to **contingency** educate and safeguard our personnel, family members and base communities to **prevent wide-spread outbreak**.
- CDC has **developed guidance** to help in the risk assessment and **management of people** with **potential exposure** to COVID-19.
- The **potential public health threat** posed by COVID-19 is high, both globally and to the United States.
- This is a **dynamic situation** and DOD will adapt to the situation to ensure that we can accomplish our assigned missions.

AFRC MESSAGES

- Our number one priority is to **take care of Airmen, their families and Americans**.
- The dynamic nature of COVID-19 evolving guidance makes providing precise and detailed planning difficult. **Effective communication** is paramount.
- We should **preserve mission readiness**, but not at the expense or **risk to our Reserve Citizen Airmen and their families health**.
- AFRC will provide **Wing Commanders support** in making decisions **impacting our Reservists and critical missions**.
- The Air Force Reserve leadership is **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.
- When determining whether to hold the UTA or conduct Unit training, commanders should consider **local health conditions** and restrictions, operational **mission requirements, quality of training** to be accomplished, **distances** members would be required to travel to participate, and **availability of members** given the host of other challenges.
- Reservists and civilian personnel will be **informed** about the COVID-19 and encouraged to prepare as they would for any emergency. **Preparing now can limit the severity** of an outbreak. Informed public participation and cooperation will be needed for effective public health efforts.

RESOURCES

- AFRC COVID-19 Public Website: <https://www.afrc.af.mil/COVID-19/>
- AFRC COVID-19 CAT SharePoint (internal use only): https://afrc.eim.us.af.mil/sites/fgc/afrc_cat/Current%20Crisis/Forms/AllItems.aspx
- CDC—Comprehensive information on COVID-19: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- CDC—Country specific Travel Health Notice (THN) levels: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>
- DOD—Information on COVID-19: <https://www.defense.gov/Explore/Spotlight/Coronavirus/>
- DOS—COVID-19 and Travel: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/ea/novel-coronavirus-hubei-province--china.html>