



Navy Region Southeast All Hands Message

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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HPCON C

STATUS UPDATE #15

Team Southeast,

Many states within our Region continue to report an increase in the number of cases and hospitalizations due to the Coronavirus. While this does not mean we will disregard plans to reduce the Health Protection Condition (HPCON) on installations where it is warranted, it does mean that we will continue to closely review the situation around our facilities and make careful, well-considered decisions on where we can loosen restrictions and where we cannot. Such decisions will be focused on the safety of our personnel and their families.

The Secretary of Defense released a memorandum in May setting the framework for the eventual reduction of our Health Protection Condition (HPCON). Our decisions on whether to go to HPCON Bravo for any particular installation are primarily determined by the following factors.

- Symptoms: Downward trajectory of reported cases of influenza-like and COVID-like illnesses over the preceding 14-day period.
- Cases: Downward trajectory of documented COVID-19 cases or of positive tests as a percent of total tests over the preceding 14-day period.
- Medical Facilities: Military Medical Treatment Facilities or local hospitals have the capacity to treat all patients without situational standards of care and have an adequate diagnostic COVID-19 testing program in place for at-risk healthcare workers and those exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.

These benchmarks are not only dependent on data from within the installations, but also on the trajectory of symptoms and cases in the local areas surrounding the installations. Commanders and their medical professionals must ensure that comprehensive health surveillance processes are in place, such as monitoring for influenza-like or COVID-like illnesses and surveillance laboratory testing in order to accurately capture the data used to make transition decisions.

To date, four installations have met the requirements to reduce their HPCON from Charlie to Bravo: NAS Corpus Christi, NAS Kingsville, NSB Kings Bay, and Naval Station Guantanamo Bay.

While the exact reconstitution of services will be up to the commanding officer of the station, some of the changes expected would include:

- Morale, Welfare and Recreation Programs, Food Services, Navy Getaway Lodging, Navy Gateway Inns and Suites, and Fleet and Family Service Centers will begin providing limited services.
- Religious programs and chapels may begin offering limited services. Regular and crisis counseling continue to remain available through virtual means and one-on-one crisis counseling available as necessary.
- Barbershops and hair salons are authorized to open with mitigations. Patrons are strongly encouraged to contact the barbershop or salon regarding service hours and mitigations.

The Navy relaxed travel restrictions last week as well, providing opportunities to resume some official travel, to include PCS moves. Travel will recommence on a conditions-based approach based on three criteria:

- (1) Removal of shelter-in-place orders or other travel restrictions,
- (2) A 14-day downward trajectory of flu-like and COVID- 19-like symptoms, and
- (3) A 14-day downward trajectory of new COVID-19 cases or positive tests.

Travel will only be permitted from an area that has met these requirements to another area that likewise meets the requirements. Travel restrictions will remain in effect for other conditions. Navy Personnel Command summarizes the travel restrictions in an infographic below.

Because new positive COVID-19 cases continue to rise in some areas within Navy Region Southeast, Navy personnel must maintain practices that reduce the risk of spreading the virus. Even as things gradually improve, everyone must stay focused on continuing mission essential operations and maintaining the practices that have helped the Navy be successful so far in preventing a spike in disease. This includes physical distancing, teleworking, using face coverings, good hygiene, medical screening and regular cleaning and disinfecting of frequently-touched surfaces.

The continuance of COVID-19 well into the summer shows that this will be a marathon. Medication and inoculation advances are being tested and positive results are being discussed regularly in the media, so while this will continue to be a factor in our lives for a while, we do see hope. The Navy is being methodical and careful in its decisions to reopen. We hope you will do the same at home. Keep up the great work. Be Smart! Be Well! And as always be safe!

CONDITIONS-BASED PHASED APPROACH TO PERSONNEL MOVEMENT AND TRAVEL

GREEN MEANS GO



FACTOR 1

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STATE AND/OR REGIONAL CRITERIA

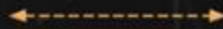


FACTOR 2

ASSESSED BY NAVY
INSTALLATION-LEVEL CRITERIA



DEPARTING LOCATION CLEARED
(FACTOR 1 + FACTOR 2)



DESTINATION LOCATION CLEARED
(FACTOR 1 + FACTOR 2)



FACTOR 2 CRITERIA



REMOVAL OF LOCAL
TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS



AVAILABILITY OF
ESSENTIAL SERVICES



QUALITY
CONTROL/ASSURANCE
CAPABILITY FOR HOUSEHOLD
GOODS PACKING & MOVING



FAVORABLE HEALTH
PROTECTION CONDITION
(HPCON) AS DETERMINED
BY NAVY

TO CHECK ON WHETHER YOUR DEPARTING/DESTINATION AREA IS RED OR GREEN, VISIT
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