



Navy Region Southeast All Hands Message

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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HPCON Bravo - NS Guantanamo Bay

HPCON Charlie – All other southeast installations

STATUS UPDATE #18

Team Southeast,

Earlier this month, we worked with leadership at Navy Installations Command and Fleet Forces Command to get an approved process for installations to provide some on-base services while still operating under HPCON Charlie. This new process will allow Installation Commanding Officers to review COVID-19 information specific to an installation or command and ease some of the restrictions at the command level until community conditions permit the setting of a lower HPCON.

Two of our installations, NAS JRB New Orleans and NSA Orlando, have already been approved to open some facilities on their installations. Other installations are reviewing their status and we expect them to request to open some of their facilities soon. Ensure you monitor your installation and MWR social media sites to stay abreast of the most current information on facilities and any restrictions they may impose upon reopening.

Base services under consideration for opening in HPCON C on a case-by-case basis include: Fitness Centers, Barber Shops/Salons, Fleet & Family Service Centers, Galleys, Golf Courses, Recreational lodging, Marinas and RV parks.

The reopening of certain facilities should help ensure that some recreational, dining and fitness capabilities are available to service members as we continue to adhere to the US Fleet Forces Command Fragmentary Order from last month. Until then, service members can still take their kids to a playground (when not frequented heavily), barbecue with a neighbor, go fishing with a friend, or be creative with other ideas that maintain social distancing, your safety, and the safety of your shipmates and family.

As installations look to move through this process, we will continue to follow the measures that have been shown to help limit the spread of the disease. Social distance from others at a distance of at least six feet. Wear face coverings in situations where you are not confident of being able

to social distance appropriately. Sanitize counters, work spaces, commonly touched items, etc... Wash hands frequently and, most importantly, stay home as much as possible.

These measures are in place for your welfare, and the decision to open facilities are being made based on the ability to open in a safe and controlled manner. COVID-19 looks as though it will be with us for a while yet, so continue to remain vigilant and watch out for each other. Be Smart! Be Well! And as always, Be Safe!