

Coronavirus Updates (COVID-19)

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STATUS UPDATE #2

As you are aware the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic on March 11. In response, U.S. Northern Command implemented Health Protection Condition Bravo across the continental United States and its territories. Additionally the Navy implemented [stop movements](#) for military and civilian personnel, to include [PCS moves](#).

Closer to home, the Southeast region has had two positive COVID-19 as of today. Across the 12 states in the Southeast region, there are over 560 positive COVID-19 cases. While Florida, Georgia and Louisiana have the highest number of cases, COVID-19 is present in all 12 states within the region.

The health and well-being of our personnel and their families is my number one priority. We will continue to make adjustments in our day-to-day operations to protect the fleet, our Sailors, civilians and contractors and prevent the spread of the virus.

Measures are being taken to prevent the further spread of COVID-19. These adjustments were made in alignment with federal guidance and state and local direction, are in effect until further notice:

- **Non-Mission-Essential MWR Operations:** The Southeast region and its installations have suspended many non-mission-essential MWR activities. These include bingo, tours /travel, indoor fitness classes, leisure skills classes, etc. RV parks and cottage/cabins will suspend operations until May 11. Golf courses, bowling alleys and movie theaters will remain open at Commanders discretion. Stay tuned to your specific installations' Facebook page for the latest information on closures.
- **Childcare:** Childcare is a mission-essential program. Currently there is no change to full-time childcare (ages 0-12), however, we have suspended youth sports, teen programs, and hourly care. Plans are in place to scale back childcare for Mission Essential Personal (MEP) only, if conditions necessitate. Parent fees will be waived for all who elect to voluntarily temporary withdrawal their child on a temporary basis.
- **Gyms:** I view gyms as mission-essential, and installations in the Southeast Region installations will keep the gyms operating as long as it is safe to do so. We have implemented enhanced cleanliness and social distancing protocols based on the conditions and use at individual installations. We are limiting patronage to active duty and reserve personnel when social distancing cannot be maintained. We will continue to monitor for indications which may necessitate closure. Outdoor group fitness classes remain open to active duty and reserve personnel. Stay tuned to your specific installations Facebook page for the latest information on closures.

- **Galleys:** All Southeast Region galleys remain open and fully operational. Galleys are standing by to provide meals/box lunches for those personnel in ROM status.
- **NEXCOM-Operated Dining:** With the elevation to HPCON B, all NEXCOM restaurants, including food courts, free standing restaurants, and non-name brand operations will provide take out and drive thru service only. Some locations may offer delivery service. Stay tuned to your specific installations Facebook page for the latest information on closures.
- **Commissaries:** DeCA is working with senior leaders on the ground at each location to overcome any shortages or challenges that may be impacting products. DeCA will be implementing a limit on the numbers of products that can be purchased per day per individual and will make those notifications at each individual DeCA commissary. For the latest information visit: <https://commissaries.com/our-agency/newsroom/news-releases/commissaries-adjust-shopping-limits-implement-no-id-touching>
- For Reservists, Commander, Navy Reserve Force has postponed all regular drill weekends until May 11. For more information about how COVID-19 is affecting reserve personnel visit www.mynrh.navy.mil/#/
- Individuals who are physically present for work will practice social distancing in accordance with CDC guidelines and the direction of the Navy to prevent the spread of the virus.
- Ensure your personal information is accurate in the Navy Family Accountability and Assessment System (NFAAS). Accurate contact information is imperative to facilitate quick and accurate muster of personnel in affect areas. Visit NFAAS at <https://navyfamily.navy.mil>
- All Navy Commands with personnel who reside in counties affected by the outbreak will implement telework for those employees to the maximum extent possible.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- If you have symptoms such as fever with a cough and/or shortness of breath, and you've been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently been in an area with an ongoing spread of COVID-19, please call the 24/7 Nurse Advice Line at 800-874-2273, or web/video chat at www.MHSNurseAdviceLine. If your symptoms are severe and you're physically going to an Emergency Room or other healthcare provider, please call ahead and let the E.R. or healthcare provider know about your symptoms and concerns so that they can properly prepare for your arrival.
- Personnel with family members at home sick with COVID-19 should immediately inform their supervisor.

FUTURE UPDATES

Monitor news resources and public health updates regularly to stay informed. Navy Region Southeast will continue to provide weekly (or more frequently as needed) Navy-

specific updates for the Navy family at <http://www.facebook.com/NavyRegionSE>/or your specific installation Facebook page.