



Navy Region Southeast All Hands Message

**Coronavirus (COVID-19)
Update, March 16, 2020**

The number of positive COVID-19 cases continues to rise across the country. As of March 15, 2020, U.S. Fleet Forces set Health Protection Condition B across all Navy CONUS installations. Right now there have not been any confirmed cases of COVID-19 among Navy personnel in Southeast commands; however, across our 12 states there have been over 150 confirmed cases reported by health officials.

The number of cases is expected to continue rising throughout the United States, increasing the potential risk to our Southeast Navy Family. The health and well-being of our personnel and their families remains our top priority. Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces has directed implementation of the following additional measures to protect the Fleet, our Sailors, civilians and contractors and their families:

Installation Access:

- Installation Commanders will institute a no-touch ID scanning at all entry control points. Personnel are required to present the backside of their ID/credential for screening by a guard.
- At the Installation Commander's discretion, emergency operating centers are being activated if needed to support COVID-19 response and coordination with agency and community partners.
- Visitor Control Center personnel will utilize the health questionnaire to screen all personnel seeking access to installations or facilities.
- Military Medical Treatment Facilities will develop plans for single points of entry, prescreening procedures and evaluate impacts to mission, as well as keep the installation apprised of important updates, advise and make recommendations as required.
- Personnel reporting to the Transient Personnel Unit (TPU) will be screened upon arrival and then daily as a routine precaution.

Gatherings/Events:

- All Navy Command leadership will cancel any ship or facility tours, large events or mass gatherings based on nature of the event and value to mission.

Work and Telework:

- Virtual capabilities such as video and telephone conferencing is strongly encouraged. Personnel who reside in areas affected by COVID-19 should avoid public events and spaces to minimize exposure.
- All Navy Commands with personnel who reside in counties heavily affected by the outbreak will implement telework for those employees to the maximum extent possible. If mission precludes telework, employees will be screened daily using the health questionnaire.

Cleanliness:

- Region Southeast and Installations will review increased frequency of janitorial services at certain facilities and will implement in a scalable manner.

Symptoms and movement:

- All Navy Commands should identify areas where employees may be initially isolated if they develop symptoms at work. Those employees should then be sent home or to a medical treatment facility as appropriate.
- All Navy Commands should ensure all personnel diagnosed or exposed to COVID-19 are isolated or quarantined in alignment with CDC and Dept. of Defense (DoD) guidance.
- All Navy Commands should encourage personnel who feel ill to stay home and educate the workforce on personnel policies that support employee decisions to stay home (such as annual or sick leave, or other weather and public safety leave provisions).
- All Navy Commands should continue sharing information to educate Navy personnel of current conditions and prudent precautions, such as:
- Personnel with 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.
- Personnel with pre-existing health conditions are encouraged to discuss telework options with their chain of command to reduce their risk of exposure.

Navy leadership and our Navy medical professionals will continue to monitor the situation. As the situation progresses, Region Southeast is postured to implement additional measures as needed in alignment with Dept. of Defense guidance and in coordination with state and local partners should there be an increase in risk to the Fleet, Fighter and Family.

DOD and Navy Travel Restrictions

The Secretary of the Navy issued ALNAV 025/20, Vector 15 Force Health Protection Guidance for of the Navy (DON) and ALNAV 026/20, which provided COVID-19 guidance to all DON personnel and commands. The Navy issued NAVADMIN 064/20 which amplified overseas travel restrictions and NAVADMIN 065/20 which amplified United States and its Territories travel restrictions. These restrictions are necessary to preserve force readiness, limit the continuing spread of the virus, and preserve the health and welfare of Navy military members, Navy civilians, and their families, and the local communities in which we live.

- Navy commands may only onboard civilian employees within the local commuting area.
- Commanding Officers and Officers in Charge may authorize local leave in accordance with Navy Region Southeast policy of 100 miles from personnel's duty station.
- Navy military members and their families who have questions regarding COVID-19 guidance or entitlements associated with stop movement should contact the MyNavy Career Center (1-833-330-6622) or emailAskMNCC@navy.mil. Detailers are ready to support all order modifications and commands should work with their placement officers.
- The Secretary of Defense has issued a stop movement as of 13 March 2020 for overseas travel to CDC Level 3 countries and 16 March 2020 for domestic travel, of all military and DoD civilian personnel, and dependents. Dependents are also restricted from accompanying on PCS orders to CDC level 2 countries.

These orders will remain in effect until May 11, 2020.

- Detaching and gaining commands have been directed to make every effort to contact affected members in route to/from their command and to advise them of the contents of the NAVADMIN. Members with questions regarding this stop movement or entitlements should contact the MyNavy Career Center (1-833-330-6622) or email AskMNCC@navy.mil. Detailers are ready to support all order modifications and commands should work with their placement officers.
- General information on impacts to Permanent Change of Station orders will be put out on npc.navy.mil, or reach NPC on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/navypersonnelcommand/>. Impacted Sailors within 60 days of their PCS are currently being contacted by their detailers. If a Sailor has not been contacted, they can access their detailer's information by logging on to MyNavy Assignment, or by going to the NPC website (npc.navy.mil) and clicking the "contact your detailer" link in the top left hand corner, or by contacting the MyNavy Career Center (1-833-330-6622) or email AskMNCC@navy.mil. MNCC is open 24/7 and agents are standing by to connect Sailors with detailers.
- Service Members who travel or have traveled in the prior 14 days to or through a CDC COVID-19 Warning Level 3 or Alert Level 2 location will immediately notify their chain of command and be placed in a 14 day restriction of movement (ROM) status. Service Members will comply with Navy Component Commander guidance concerning pre- and post- travel medical screening and reception procedures to include ROM.

Key elements of the NAVADMIN 065/20:

- Stop movement for Navy military members, Navy civilians, and their families from traveling in the United States and its Territories.
- Policy applies to all PCS, Temporary Duty and non-local leave.
- Individuals who have already initiated travel (including intermediate stops) are authorized to continue to their final destination.
- Individuals whose TDY and leave ends while this NAVADMIN is in effect are authorized to return to their home station at the end of their TDY/leave period. For those members currently on leave, Commanding Officers are delegated authority to terminate leave early or allow completion of leave as authorized based on location, duration and risk to service member.
- Other Official Travel (Meetings, Conferences, Site Visits, etc) by Service Members is prohibited and will require an exception.

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 here and at www.facebook.com/NavyRegionSE/