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Dear FORSCOM Soldiers, Civilians, and Family Members:

FORSCOM's #1 Priority is to Deliver Decisive Total Army Readiness to meet global Combatant Command requirements. Even during this dynamic time, this will not change. To do this we will always prioritize the health and safety of our most important resource – our people.

Worldwide, we are witnessing unprecedented actions by governments and health agencies aimed at slowing the spread of COVID-19. We remain cognizant that healthcare personnel, facilities and equipment are finite resources; and slowing the transmission of the virus is the best way to ensure that those who need medical assistance are able to receive it. As part of the local community, our forts, bases, camps, centers and armories play a vital role in mitigation plans.

The Department of Defense and Department of the Army issued directives and guidance over the past several weeks and will continue to do so to mitigate the risks to our Soldiers, Civilians and Family Members. In recent days the Department of Defense modified or delayed movements associated with deployments, exercises, training and Permanent Changes of Station. Remember, these measures are temporary and intended to protect our people and the communities in which we live.

We urge all of you to continue to take necessary precautions. Each of us has an individual responsibility to adhere to the latest guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control.

As we sort through these challenges I have absolute confidence in the men and women of FORSCOM – we will prevail. Thank you for your service. It is an honor to serve alongside you.

Freedom's Guardian!

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Joseph C. Cornelison  
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Michael X. Garrett  
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