

# DoD COVID-19 UPDATE

March 19, 2020

## Key Developments

- USNS Comfort is preparing to deploy to New York and USNS Mercy is preparing to deploy to the west coast to treat acute care trauma patients.
- U.S. Northern Command, upon an approved request from the Federal Agency for Emergency Management, has activated Defense Coordinating Officers, Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officers and Joint Regional Medical Plans and Operations officers to assist FEMA regions in planning and coordinating the use of DoD assets throughout the United States.
- DoD currently has 15 labs with 40 test kits available. Daily capacity is 9,096 tests/day. Patients tested 1,574. An additional lab is being prepared at Armed Forces Research Institute of Medical Services (AFRIMS) in Thailand.
- Air Force cancelled its RED FLAG ALASKA exercise.
- AAFES issued press release on changes due to COVID-19, including giving store managers the authority to ration high demand items, adjusting hours and transitioning restaurants to take-out only.
- US NORTHCOM has a total of 1,431 passengers from Grand Princess at Travis AFB (846), Lackland AFB (128), MCAS Miramar (242), Dobbins ARB/Clay (215).
- National Guardsman in 23 states are providing personnel and/or facilities to support civil authorities.

## DoD Totals, 0500, March 18, 2020

	Cases	Hospitalized	Recovered	Deaths
<b>Military</b>	51(+2)	0(-3)	2(-5)	0
<b>Civilian</b>	9(-5)	8(+2)	0	0
<b>Dependent</b>	10(-9)	4(+3)	0	0
<b>Contractor</b>	11	5(+1)	1(+1)	0

## Today's Events

- 1100: Press Brief, Gen Joseph Lengyel, National Guard Bureau, about what they are doing for efforts responding to COVID-19.
- 1400: Press Brief, LTG Ronald Place, Defense Health Agency and RADM Bruce Gillingham, Navy Surgeon General about DoD's COVID-19 response.