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Public Service Announcement

Fort Carson proactively raises health risk to limit spread of COVID-19

UPDATED 8:59 a.m. March 12: COVID -19 (Coronavirus) Hotline for Fort Carson is now 719-524-2684.

FORT CARSON, Colo. — Fort Carson leadership prioritizes the health and safety of our Soldiers, civilians and family members.

At this time, Fort Carson has no confirmed novel coronavirus (COVID-19) cases.

Over the last two months, units across Fort Carson have remained prepared in the event a Soldier, family member or civilian employee is diagnosed with COVID-19.

Due to the recent positive presumptive test results of COVID-19 in Denver and El Paso County, and the growing concerns over the spread of COVID-19, Fort Carson has taken precautionary steps in accordance with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and U.S. Army Medical Command to prevent cases from arising on this installation.

Soldiers returning from high-risk areas are being thoroughly screened by medical teams before returning home and, if necessary, are being held under observation to ensure no symptoms are experienced before returning to the U.S.

As a health protection measure, the Acting Senior Mission Commander has elevated the health risk for Fort Carson and its personnel out of an abundance of caution. By doing this we are merely aligning our Health Protection Condition with our existing force health protection measures.

Although the health risk is elevated, the community can take routine steps to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Good hygiene practices are the best preventive measure to control the spread of viruses. Things like washing your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds,

avoiding contact with those who have been sick, going to the doctor when you feel ill, and disinfecting frequently-touched surfaces can help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

For the latest information on COVID-19, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Department of Defense Coronavirus websites at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus> and <https://www.defense.gov/Explore/Spotlight/Coronavirus/>, or call the Fort Carson COVID-19 Hotline at (719) 524-2684.

For more information contact the Fort Carson Public Affairs Office at (719) 526-7525. After hours, please contact the 24-hour Fort Carson Operations Center at 526-5500 and ask for the On-Call Public Affairs Officer.