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Public Service Announcement

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

FORT CARSON, Colo. — The Fort Carson Commanding General's top priority is protecting the Soldiers, Families and Civilians on Fort Carson and mitigating the spread of COVID-19.

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

Fort Carson remains prepared in the event a Soldier, family member or civilian employee is diagnosed with COVID-19.

Due to the recent declaration of a National Emergency, Fort Carson will follow risk-based measures consistent with guidance from the Department of Defense and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, while also taking into account travel advisories and disease-mitigation measures from the Department of State and applicable host nations.

DoD personnel returning from high-risk areas will adhere to the updated DOD health force protection guidance which requires a 14-day self-quarantine upon return for DOD personnel who have traveled outside the continental U.S., and the practice of social distancing, and self-monitoring for potential symptoms of COVID-19 including taking their temperature twice a day. Personnel in this status have not been diagnosed with COVID-19.

As a health protection measure, the senior commander has again elevated the health risk for Fort Carson and its personnel out of an abundance of caution.

The health protection of our force is a top priority, and we will continue to ensure that our personnel have the most up-to-date information on appropriate measures to prevent potential spread of the virus.

Events, such as religious services and large meetings, will be conducted virtually, and large gatherings will be avoided. March 15, 2020, the following MWR facilities, businesses and recreation programs were closed until further notice: all MWR gym facilities, outdoor recreation

and auto craft and the library, the Elkhorn Convention Center, the bowling alley, ACS's outreach and the large classes.

In accordance with the recent CDC guidance, Fort Carson leadership will limit all events with crowds greater than 50 people. Information will be provided through all venues if an event is cancelled or postponed. The CDC will remain open at this time.

We ask that all of our personnel proactively protect themselves and those around them by employing protective measures including practicing good hand washing, social distancing, avoid hand shaking, wiping down commonly-used surfaces, and taking appropriate actions if feeling sick now. These measures can dramatically decrease the risk of infection and slow 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) 524-6422.

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.