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Senior Leaders COVID-19 Message



"We urge all of you to continue to take necessary precautions. 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."

FORSCOM CG, CSM
March 18, 2020
Fort Bragg, N.C

On Point New allowances for Soldiers, Families affected by COVID-19

The Army has rolled out new allowances for Soldiers and Families facing official travel delays or in quarantine amid the COVID-19 virus outbreak.

Soldiers and Families ordered to self-isolate or quarantine while proceeding to their next duty station will be placed on temporary duty and authorized per diem if lodging or meals are not provided. The Army currently has a 14-day mandatory quarantine for Soldiers and a recommended self-quarantine for DOD civilians and Family members returning from countries with a travel health notice of Alert Level 2 and above.



Modernization



Army Posture Statement 2020

The Army Posture Statement explains how the Army's budget request supports the Army Priorities: readiness, modernization, and reform. The Army is modernizing to ensure future readiness, and continues to reform systems to optimize resources.

Army raises health protection across all installations



Pfc. Jason Qian takes a sample for COVID-19 testing at a drive-up checkpoint at Madigan Army Medical Center on Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., March 19, 2020. (U.S. Army photo by John W. Liston)

By U.S. Army Pentagon

WASHINGTON – In order to maintain operational readiness around the world and to protect the force, the U.S. Army will raise the Health Protection Condition level to Charlie across all installations to align with the National Capital Region. Additionally, extra measures are being implemented to protect immediate contingency response forces to prevent exposure to COVID-19 should they need to deploy. These actions will ensure the Army's ability to quickly deploy contingency response forces across the globe.

The Army is increasing all installations to HPCON level Charlie. Installations will limit all access to essential personnel only and will limit the numbers of access points. All unit personnel are expected to follow all social distancing guidance to continue protecting our force.

The Army maintains forces ready to deploy worldwide within 18 hours to support national security requirements, and has the capability to rapidly put boots and equipment on the ground in great numbers. The capabilities and flexibility of these Soldiers allow them to support global requirements and answer the nation's call at any time.

"To further protect our contingency response forces from exposure to the COVID-19 virus, we are taking extra precautions and placing them under an HPCON Delta status," said Gen. James C. McConville, Chief of Staff of the Army. "We are committed to maintaining the Army's fighting strength by reducing the spread of this virus while simultaneously maintaining dynamic force employment capabilities."

FORSCOM in the news

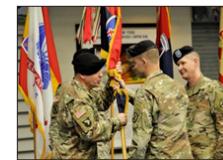
During Women's History Month, U.S. Army Forces Command **recently recognized four 'Women of Excellence'** for their extraordinary work.



The 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, **recently returned to Fort Hood following a nine-month rotation to the Republic of Korea.**



The 10th Mountain Division **conducted a change of responsibility ceremony recently** as they received a new division senior enlisted leader.



EOD technicians from the 20th CBRNE Command **recently trained with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies.**



The 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, **recently conducted a CALFEX** in both Smarden, Romania and Novo Selo, Bulgaria.



1st Lt. Marae Kallian, an explosive ordnance disposal officer, assigned to the 71st Ordnance Group (EOD), 20th Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosives (CBRNE) Command, overcoming obstacles is not foreign to her. As a new EOD officer at her unit, she looks forward to starting her journey in the dangerous career field. (Photo by U.S. Army)

Readiness

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Left Spec. Eric Hayden, B Battery, 1st Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, fires an M777A2 155 mm towed howitzer while the Gun Chief, SSG Robert Hartner observes at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, Calif., March 5, 2020. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Matthew Johnson)

Right Capt. Joshua Linn, engineer operations officer, 82nd Airborne Division, participates in Airborne Command Post training on Fort Bragg, N.C., March 5, 2020. (U.S. Army photo by Master Sgt. Alexander Burnett)



Above Soldiers assigned to 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, use a hand-washing station to reduce the spread of COVID-19 during training at the Grafenwoehr Training Area, Germany, March 19, 2020. (U.S. Army photo by Gertrud Zach)



Above Soldiers assigned to 1st Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, scan for enemy targets during Decisive Action Rotation 20-05 at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif., March 7, 2020. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Nathan Franco)

Left Soldiers with 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, train to clear a town alongside Hungarian Armed Forces in Hungary, March 5, 2020. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Noshoba Davis)



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