

COVID 19/CORONA VIRUS FORCE HEALTH PROTECTION RSD/AT TALKING POINTS

MESSAGE EMAIL 3/6/2020 TO FSS COMMANDERS AND SUPERINTENDENTS

In preparation for the upcoming UTA weekend, below are some talking points regarding potential COVID 19 matters you may need to address. Please note, these points are only for your reference to outline existing authorities and define MEDCON guidance. This information is not meant to be directive but rather to provide some information that may be helpful given the many questions we have received this week.

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Drill Attendance: IAW 32USC 502(b), and ANGI 36-2001, Commanders have maximum flexibility in rescheduling individual Regularly Scheduled Drills (RSD) and Annual Training (AT). In the event a Service Member (SM) is experiencing any symptoms of cold, fever, or flu-like symptoms, the commander has the authority to excuse the SM from RSD/AT. If the SM begins to experience symptoms while at RSD/AT, the SM should seek medical care at MTF/urgent care and should not return to duty until asymptomatic from cold, fever, or flu-like symptoms. For Full time Technicians and AGRs, normal sick leave procedures will apply.

PREMEDCON/MEDCON and INCAP Pay are not authorized to place SM in a 14 day self-monitoring/quarantine. If a State wants to be more restrictive, the State will determine funding, such as State Active Duty.

For the purpose of using Telecommuting, as a force health management tool, the Wing Commander (or their written designee) is the approval authority for telecommuting/work agreements. This applies to AGRs and drill status Guard members only. Telecommuting/work agreements for full-time technicians will follow J1-TN/state HRO policies. Please reference your State telework policies for additional requirements/restrictions for approval.

COVID 19/CORONA VIRUS QUARANTINE FOR MEMBERS RETURNING OCONUS

NGB/SG and NGB/A1PS will follow CDC and OSD guidelines for US citizens and service members returning from OCONUS locations. Currently, there is no requirement to place SM in a 14 day self-monitoring/quarantine to ensure minimization of potential exposures to civilian population. If a State decides to be more restrictive and places a SM in a 14 day quarantine (self-monitoring) it will be locally funded.

In the event a SM in a qualified duty status does test positive or the member becomes symptomatic (develops fever and/or develop respiratory symptoms), Pre-MEDCON requests will be approved as appropriate.

Currently, the below actions will apply if necessary.

ANG Members mobilized under USC 12301d:

- The supported MAJCOM provides funding, there is no NGB Mob Cell approval. The request for days and dollars is direct through M4S.
- The deployed PERSCO notifies Unit. The Unit requests days in M4S. The supported MAJCOM approves and pushes days to Unit to modify current order.

ANG Members mobilized under 12302/12304b:

The deployed PERSCO notifies Unit. The Unit notifies NGB Mob Cell and Mob Cell proceeds as follows based on number of days.

- If there is a date impacting change, the Mob Cell must do a change request to add days to Mobilization Order (PM).
- If the change required is more than 30 days from original mobilization end date. The change requires SecDef approval and requires a special SDOB.
- If the change required is less than 30 days from original mobilization end date, SAF/MR can approve.

All other mobilizations will follow respective MAJCOM ROEs.

We recognize there is a massive amount of information flowing through various interagency sources regarding this topic, hopefully, this information will be helpful as you navigate situations of this nature. If you have any questions, or would like to discuss further, please contact Lt Col Carrie Barido at carrie.a.barido.mil@mail.mil, DSN 612-8686 or Cell (240) 470-6675.