

Team:

As we make necessary changes to embrace this new reality, I can't stress enough the importance of social distancing. Please, if you haven't changed your habits already - start now. Postpone your frisbee games. Run around Camp Murray solo. Spread out your workstations. And most important – remind those who are in the at-risk category to stay at home. This strategy only works if we all do it together. Do your part - both professionally and personally.

With that in mind, I've attached additional guidance from state HR related to telework. And I've directed both our state and federal directors to find creative ways, to include working from home, to ensure we're getting our work done while maintaining space between our employees.

Social distancing also requires we cancel the 81st Brigade's upcoming rotation at the National Training Center. This was something we've spent years preparing for. For those that were relying on the drill income, I've directed our leaders to be flexible and to ensure you get the training days you were counting on.

Finally, if you develop a fever or other illness, or believe you've been exposed to someone who may be positive for COVID-19, inform your supervisor immediately. It's critical we get this information right away so we can better prepare and protect our colleagues.

While this emergency can be unnerving - more than anything, I ask you to stay calm. Together, we're going to get through this. I can assure you of that. Combining our state and federal forces, we have a talented team working day and night to help address this situation, and I'm confident we're making a difference. Let's continue to lead by example and take the steps necessary to slow the spread.

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