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FROM: JFHQ AKNG/OTAG

SUBJECT: Re-opening the Alaska National Guard (AKNG) during COVID-19 Outbreak

1. References:

- a. White House / CDC, Opening Up America Again, April 2020.
- b. State of Alaska, Reopen Alaska Responsibly Plan, May 2020.
- c. Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, JBER Cloth Face Covering Guidance, April 2020.
- d. DOD Public Health Emergency Management, HPCON levels poster.

2. My intent is to safely and responsibly maximize capability to accomplish our state and federal missions as soon as practical. In order to achieve this, it is imperative that we maintain a healthy work environment as the federal installations transition to lower Health Protection Condition Levels (HPCONs). The following guidelines establish my intent to re-open our workplaces in the Alaska National Guard.

a. Please stay home if you are ill, symptomatic personnel should NOT be in our workplace. Notify your supervisor immediately if you are feeling ill or experiencing any symptoms. Commanders and supervisors will immediately release employees from the workplace who exhibit symptoms of illness.

b. All personnel will follow current DOD guidance regarding the wear of cloth face coverings.

c. Commanders and supervisors will ensure compliance with the Governor's phased restrictions in regards to work related meetings and congregations of any kind. All members will adhere to installation specific policy when conducting activities on a federal installation.

3. Commanders and supervisors may bring non-mission essential employees back to work immediately when federal installations allow for it. Check specific installation guidance as installation policies may vary. Continued telework and/or flexible work schedules may be viable alternatives for those that have hardships (e.g., challenges with childcare, etc).

4. Below is the current status of COVID-19 Commander's Notes/Memorandums:

a. Commander's Note #5, Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19 mitigation measures, March 12, 2019, **is rescinded.**

b. Memorandum, COVID-19 Telework for Federal Employees (T32/T5) and AGRs (Airmen/Soldiers), March 17, 2020, **remains in effect.**

c. Commander's Note #6, Leave and Travel Restrictions due to COVID-19, March 18, 2020, **is rescinded.**

d. Commander's Note #7, Training, Drill Attendance, Fitness Activities and Testing Suspension due to COVID-19, March 20, 2020, **remains in effect.**

e. Commander's Note #8, Authority to Task Alaska Organized Militia (AKOM), March 22, 2020, **Tasking authority remains in effect, cancellation of leave is rescinded .**

f. Commander's Note #9, Temporary Relaxation of Hair Grooming Standards, March 23, 2020, **is rescinded.**

g. Commander's Note #10, Extenuating Circumstances Leave and Telework Policy, March 31, 2020, **is rescinded.**

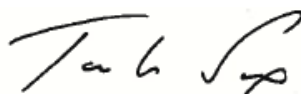
h. Commander's Note #11, Authorized Wear of Cloth Face Coverings, April 6, 2020, **remains in effect.**

i. Commander's Note #12, Guidance for higher Risk for Serious Illness, April 7, 2020, **remains in effect.**

j. Commander's Note #13, Facility Entrance Screening Procedures, April 10, 2020, **is rescinded.**

5. Your efforts to remain vigilant and steadfast in meeting the intent of this guidance will be crucial in our overcoming this challenge.

6. This memorandum was coordinated with ACT and the AKNG HRO. Point of contact for this memorandum is Mr. Kevin Park, HRO, at 907-428-6450, or kevin.l.park.civ@mail.mil.



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