

# NAS Pensacola All Hands Message

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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## STATUS UPDATE

As of March 23, 2020, there have not been any confirmed cases of COVID-19 among Navy personnel on NAS Pensacola. The health and well-being of our personnel and their families remains our top priority so NAS Pensacola (NASP) has directed implementation of the following additional measures per guidance from Navy Region Southeast and higher headquarters to protect our Sailors, civilians and contractors and their families:

- NASP has implemented Health Protection Condition **Charlie MINUS**, which is just a slightly more heightened condition than Bravo. The majority of requirements for HPCON **Charlie MINUS** were already in place. NAS Pensacola is preparing to go to HPCON Charlie, but only if directed by Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC).
- Please continue to wash your hands regularly and practice social distancing. If exposed, self-isolate (remain home); and avoid contaminated or risk areas.
- The Commissary is currently conducting 100 percent ID checks and visitors are not permitted. Early bird shopping has also been suspended at the Commissary.
- All NEX Barber and Beauty Shops will be closed for the next two weeks.
- Use of virtual capabilities such as video and telephone conferencing is strongly encouraged.
- If you feel ill, please stay home. Supervisors should educate the workforce on personnel policies that support employee decisions to stay home (such as annual or sick leave, or other weather and public safety leave provisions).
- TRICARE beneficiaries can use the COVID-19 hotline at 1-800-TRICARE or [www.mhsnurseadvice.com](http://www.mhsnurseadvice.com).
- MWR Updates:
  - Beginning March 24, the following changes will apply to MWR facilities on NAS Pensacola
    - Fitness Centers will be open to active duty and reservists only. Corry Wellness Center and Family Fitness Center will close. Hours of Operation may be modified based on demand.
    - MWR Aquatics military lap swim only at NASC pool (will not impact training)
    - Single Sailor/Liberty Centers active duty only with patron limits based on social distancing requirements

- Restaurants will only offer take out services. Mustin Beach Club will remain closed until further notice.
- Bars will close. Portside Club will be open but the bar will not serve alcohol.
- Bowling will close
- Theatre will close
- Library will close
- Auto Skills Centers will close
- Cabins, Cottages and RV Parks will not accept new reservations through May 11
- Golf remains open
- Marinas remain open
- Navy Gateway Inns and Suites remains open to mission essential travelers only
- Child Youth Programs will remain open at level 1. Parents that are home are responsible for childcare and cannot utilize the Child Development Centers or Youth Center.
- All Galleys will remain open
- The Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society Office is closed, but assistance is still available by calling 850-452-2300. Please leave a message and a case worker will call you back.
- On-base beaches will remain open for active duty and their dependents only
- The USO offices on Corry Station and NASP are both open with normal hours

## PRACTICAL TIPS

- **Clean** your hands – Use soap and water for 20 seconds; use hand sanitizer with minimum 60% alcohol.
- **Cover** your cough or sneeze – Use your arm or tissue. Immediately throw used tissue in the trash.
- **Confine** yourself at home when sick until advised by your healthcare provider.
- **Crowd** avoidance – Use discretion when traveling to affected areas, urban areas, or large gatherings.

## INFORMATION RESOURCES

- CDC COVID-19 situational information: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- CDC tips for work and home: <https://www.cdc.gov/nonpharmaceutical-interventions>

- CDC cleaning & disinfecting recommendations: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/home/cleaning-disinfection.html>
- CDC Guidance for Travelers: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>
- Military Health System: <http://health.mil>
- Tricare Nurse Advice Line: 1-800-TRICARE (874-2273) or [www.mhsnurseadviseline.com](http://www.mhsnurseadviseline.com)

## **LOCAL LEAVE POLICY**

Active duty service members are restricted from taking leave outside of the local area until further notice. The designated radius for local leave is 100 miles, and the NASP Commanding Officer has directed Sailors assigned to NASP to restrict their movement from their home of record to work and to places of necessity. Any requests for leave outside the local area for emergency reasons will require approval from the first Flag Officer in the chain of command.

## **PCS/OFFICIAL TRAVEL**

Sailors with Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders that have not initiated travel should contact the Navy Personal Command (NPC) for guidance at 1-833-330-6622. Official travel for service members and Navy civilians will require an exception.

## **NASP EMPLOYEES**

Along with following the practical tips above, supervisors and employees should be prepared to deal with this matter as they would when regular seasonal flu risks hit the workplace. Follow your command's normal sick call procedures. Those who are sick should stay home and see their health care provider as needed. To take care of yourself or a family member, leave authorization should follow normal timekeeping policy and processes. Civilian employees are encouraged to limit travel and stay within the recommended 100-mile radius. Where applicable and eligible, Ad Hoc Telework agreements should be reviewed and considered for mission continuity when and where necessary.

## **FUTURE UPDATES**

Monitor news resources and public health updates regularly to stay informed. NASP will continue to provide Navy-specific updates as needed for the Navy family on the NASP Facebook page.