MEMORANDUM FOR ALL PATRICK AFB/CAPE CANAVERAL AFS

FROM: 45 SW/CC

SUBJECT: Public Health Directive #2

1. To prevent the spread or transmission of COVID-19, it is critical that we properly observe, quarantine, isolate, and reintegrate any individual that presents a public health risk to our installations. This includes military members, civilian employees, dependents, retirees, veterans, contractors, and any persons on the installation for any reason. The measures outlined below are reasonable and necessary in order to address the public health risk posed by COVID-19. This document supersedes any previous Public Health Directives on this subject.

2. The following measures to protect the health of everyone on Patrick AFB/Cape Canaveral AFS are mandatory and applicable to military personnel, U.S. government civilian employees, and all on-base residents (to include patrons of PAFB lodging and the FamCamp) of Patrick AFB/Cape Canaveral AFS:

   a. Limited Travel.
      1) Travel outside your home should be limited to your place of employment and travel necessary for food, water, medication, health care, or to provide care for a family member or other installation member. All personnel are also subject to applicable state/local regulations and orders concerning the COVID-19 Emergency.
         a) Leave. All personnel may still request and use approved leave. 45 SW military personnel should follow established procedures to request leave during the COVID-19 pandemic. For 45 SW military and civilian personnel, 45 SW/CC is Approval Authority for leave beyond the local area. Supervisors may still approve other kinds of civilian leave.
         b) Civilian Non-Duty Status. This measure is not required for civilians in their non-duty status, but is still highly encouraged. State/local regulations still apply.
         c) Waiver for Off-Duty Employment by Military Personnel. For 45 SW military members with approved off-duty employment, waiver of this measure may be requested with sufficient justification (e.g. essential off-duty employment, combined with financial hardship) from 45 SW/CC through command channels. For 45 SW military members with non-essential off-duty employment, such employment must end NLT 13 Apr 20, or sooner if required by state/local regulations. No waiver is required for civilian off-duty employment providing an essential service.
         d) Other Waivers. 45 SW military members may request a waiver of this measure for other reasons (e.g., volunteerism, donating blood, etc.) through command channels. Waivers for religious reasons may be requested through the Chaplain’s Office. The 45 SW/CC is Approval Authority.
      2) Strictly limit the number of individuals participating in travel based on requirements and available childcare.
3) Short-duration excursions for physical and mental fitness are permitted (e.g., running, walking, hiking, biking, outdoor functional fitness, etc.).

b. **Physical Distancing.** Wherever possible, all individuals are to maintain a minimum of six feet distance from other individuals.

c. **No Meetings or Public Gatherings.** Exceptions for mission- and service-essential activities with more than 10 personnel must be approved at the installation commander or higher level, with proper social distancing and sanitization protocols in place.

d. **Disciplined Personal Hygiene.** Frequently wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or using >60% alcohol hand sanitizer; avoid touching eyes/nose/mouth; no handshaking; sneeze/cough into the crook of your elbow; no sharing food/drink/towels/utensils.

e. **Report Adverse Health Status.** Any individual tested for COVID-19, at any location, must contact the 45th Medical Group (45 MDG) Public Health office at (321) 494-8292/8193 to facilitate Public Health’s effort to track the disease.

3. The following measures to protect the health of everyone on Patrick AFB/Cape Canaveral AFS – applicable to off-base resident retirees and dependents, and veterans – are mandatory: off-base resident retirees and their dependents are provided installation access to AAFES, DECA, and 45 MDG (if a beneficiary) facilities only for food, water, medication, health care, and care for a family member. Limited access hours may apply. Additionally, any individual tested for COVID-19, at any location, will be denied installation access until medically cleared by the Public Health Emergency Officer (PHEO).

4. Commanders are authorized and accountable to temporarily restrict the movement of any individual in their organization, consistent with the definitions identified in the COVID-19 Public Health Risk Categories, signed by the 45 MDG Commander. When taking such action, commanders, or their designated representative may call the 45 MDG Public Health Office at 321-494-8292/8193 to coordinate with the PHEO, who will determine the appropriate disposition (Observe, Quarantine, Isolate, or Reintegrate).

5. Any individual who has been placed in observation, quarantine, or isolation is expected to remain exclusively at their residence or other appropriate domicile, when directed. The restricted individual should exercise disciplined personal hygiene, social distancing, self-monitor, report worsening symptoms to their primary care provider, and call 9-1-1 for any medical emergencies. Commanders have the discretion to place additional restrictions on those who may have had contact with a restricted individual, but are not required to do so unless directed by the PHEO.

6. If an individual is restricted on-base or is empaneled to the 45 MDG, a competent medical authority from the 45 MDG will contact the individual to assess the public health risk and make a status determination. If the individual was diagnosed or tested off-base, the individual must call the 45 MDG Public Health Office at (321) 494-8292/8193 or outside of duty hours to Wing Command Post at (321) 494-7001. On-base medical restrictions can only be lifted by the 45 MDG PHEO. Individuals who do not reside on the installation will be denied access to the installation for the duration of their restricted status.

7. Any individual experiencing the symptoms of COVID-19: fever of greater than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, dry cough, or shortness of breath, must report symptoms to Public Health at (321) 494-8292/8193, after seeking care from their primary care provider.
8. This policy will terminate when directed by the 45 SW/CC, in consultation with the PHEO. The contents of this memorandum and any related orders issued by the 45 SW/CC or PHEO are directive. Any person who refuses to obey or otherwise violates such orders during the declared public health emergency may be detained and turned over to military or civilian authorities. For military members, violations are punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. For all personnel (military and civilian), violations are punishable under Titles 18 and 42 of the United States Code (USC), to include 18 USC 1382 and 42 USC 271. Additionally, any personnel who fail to adhere to this memorandum or subsequent orders may be subject to debarment (denied access to the installation).

9. We are in unprecedented times that require unprecedented measures to keep our community safe. We will defeat this threat if we are able to come together. While these measures are temporary, they are absolutely necessary to ensure the health and safety of all individuals on the installation. Thank you for doing your part to help us “flatten the curve” and protect the personnel and essential missions of Patrick Air Force Base and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. Your tremendous efforts and sacrifices during this difficult time have been exemplary. Chief King and I are proud to serve alongside each and every one of you.

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