



The Army's Commitment to Health Protection

Dear Soldiers, Civilians, Family members and Soldiers for Life:

The Army stands ready to defend our Nation and continue to conduct operations. To do that, the health protection of our force is a critical priority. Our nation, our Army, our allies and potential adversaries should know that our Soldiers remain ready.

Out of an abundance of caution, we have decided to scale back exercises and delay the travel of Soldiers stationed in areas that have been identified by the Centers for Disease Control as having the highest risk for COVID-19 transmission. The Army Staff will continue to evaluate current day-to-day operations and monitor the force to ensure we are doing everything we can to mitigate the threat. We will continue to provide you up-to-date information on appropriate measures to prevent the potential spread of the COVID-19.

We urge all Army organizations and personnel to continue to take necessary precautions. Most importantly, we urge everyone to adhere to the latest guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control to prevent the spread of the virus.

The Walter Reed Army Institute of Research and the U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command are aggressively working on research efforts to prevent, detect and treat the virus. The U.S. Army has top-notch researchers and cutting-edge technology that have met national challenges before and are working with the Centers for Disease Control and the National Institutes of Health to do it again.

We have a tough road ahead of us, but we will prevail. Thank you for your service. It's an honor to serve alongside you.

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