MEMORANDUM FOR ALL JBLE PERSONNEL AND RESIDENTS, REGARDLESS OF SERVICE COMPONENT

SUBJECT: Declaration of a Public Health Emergency

1. I am declaring a Public Health Emergency on Joint Base Langley-Eustis. This declaration is based on recommendations from my Public Health Emergency Officer (PHEO) and my determination that immediate action is required regarding Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19), IAW with Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 6200.03, Public Health Emergency Management (PHEM) within the DoD, and Air Force Instruction (AFI) 10-2519, Public Health Emergencies and Incidents of Public Health Concern. This declaration will terminate automatically 30 days from the date of this memorandum unless it is renewed and re-reported, or terminated sooner.

2. The installation PHEO and medical personnel are hereby directed to identify, confirm, and control this public health emergency utilizing all the necessary means outlined in DoDI 6200.03 and AFI 10-2519. To implement my direction, the PHEO may issue guidance that affects installation personnel, property, and other individuals working, residing, or visiting this installation (e.g. closing base facilities, restricting movement, or implementing quarantine/isolation for select individuals).

3. At my direction, the PHEO will coordinate activities and share information with state, local, tribal and territorial officials responsible for public health and public safety to ensure our response is appropriate for the public health emergency. Shared information may include personally identifiable health information only to the extent necessary to protect the public health and safety.

4. Any person who refuses to obey or otherwise violates an order during this declared public health emergency may be detained. Those not subject to military law may be detained until civil authorities can respond. Violators of procedures, protocols, provisions, and/or orders issued in conjunction with this public health emergency may be charged with a crime under the Uniform Code of Military Justice and/or under, United States Code, Title 42, Section 271. Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 271, violators are subject to a fine up to $1,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.

5. The health and wellbeing of our community is my highest priority. I need all of your support to keep this pandemic from further impacting our missions, our at risk populations, and the health and safety of our civilian and military service members and their families.

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