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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL AFFECTED PERSONNEL

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Pandemic – Social Distancing & Use of Cloth Face Coverings in Public Areas

1. We continue to fight Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), which threatens Joint Base Langley-Eustis (JBLE) and our surrounding communities. Based on my authorities as the JBLE Installation Commander, I declared a public health emergency, and have taken measures such as ordering restriction of movement and limiting base access. To stop the spread of COVID-19, I am prescribing additional measures.
2. On 5 April 2020, the Department of Defense (DoD) issued guidance requiring, to the extent practical, all individuals on DoD installations to wear cloth face coverings in public areas if they cannot maintain social distancing protocols. Building on this guidance, effective immediately, I am ordering all individuals in JBLE public areas to adhere to Center for Disease Control (CDC) social distancing protocols (6 feet or 2 meters) **and** that all individuals, two years of age and older, in JBLE public areas also wear cloth face coverings (i.e. scarfs, masks, shirts, clean cloths, balaclavas, neck warmers, etc.). The cloth face covering must cover, at a minimum, the nose and mouth, and uniformed personnel must be mindful of dress and appearance standards. JBLE public areas are those where people gather in groups and include, but are not limited to, installation support services such as the Commissary, AAFES facilities, Dining Facilities, or for parents at Child Development Centers during drop-off and pickup of children, base service provider appointments such as Medical and Dental, DDRP, any customer service areas with one-on-one interaction, common areas in lodging, anywhere with a line, or other similar areas with a public gathering. This guidance applies to all active duty military, civilian employees, contractors, dependents, retirees, and guests present on JBLE. This order does not apply to service member's or service family member's personal residence on JBLE.
3. Individuals seeking entry onto JBLE to attend a public area may be required to present a face covering at security checkpoints as a basis for entry. Security checkpoints may require the lowering of face covers to verify identification.
4. Commanders across JBLE may issue orders on guidance of personal protective equipment based on mission requirements in the work centers. Cloth face coverings are not required for mission critical personnel in their work centers when six feet of distance from other personnel can be maintained. To the extent practical, unit commanders should follow the 5 April 2020 DoD guidance. As a reminder, the cloth face mask should be used in conjunction with social distancing protocols to reduce the risk of spreading infection.

5. This order terminates automatically 30 days from the date of this order, unless extended or terminated by me sooner. Violations of this order by military personnel may be punished under Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). Violators not subject to the UCMJ may be charged with a crime under 42 U.S.C. § 271, and be subject to a fine up to \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.

6. This order does not remove any individual's obligation to comply with the Restriction of Movement order I issued 27 March 2020, where I ordered the JBLE community to cease public in-person gatherings and stay home with limited exceptions, as mission and essential needs dictate. Additionally, I remind all personnel that compliance with all current and future federal and state orders is mandatory.

7. These measures are reasonable and necessary during JBLE's declared public health emergency to combat COVID-19. Please stay up to date on the latest COVID-19 guidance from the Governor, <https://www.governor.virginia.gov>, JBLE's website, <http://www.jble.af.mil>, and Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/JointBaseLangleyEustis/>, and the CDC, <https://www.cdc.gov>. This situation is serious and rapidly evolving, so these measures, while inconvenient, are being implemented to prevent unnecessary risk. Our service members and their families live, work and thrive here, and we're treating this invisible threat like any other enemy.

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Commander