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

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Pandemic – Restriction of Movement Order

1. Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) is an ongoing threat to Joint Base Langley-Eustis (JBLE) and our surrounding communities. COVID-19 is a severe acute respiratory syndrome disease which may be passed from person to person mostly by close contact between people, through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes, or through contact with a contaminated surface or object. If COVID-19 spreads in the community, it would have severe public health consequences. Social distancing is important in order to ensure curtailment/elimination of COVID-19. Unnecessary person-to-person contact increases the risk of transmission and community spread.

2. To fight the spread of COVID-19 on JBLE, I declared a public health emergency. In accordance with my authorities under AFI 10-2519, *Public Health Emergencies and Incidents of Public Health Concern*, and DoD Instruction 6200.03, *Public Health Emergency Management (PHEM) within the DoD*, and after consulting with my Public Health Emergency Officer (PHEO), I am prescribing the following conditions as reasonable and necessary actions:

a. **JBLE Residents.** I am ordering all JBLE housing residents, to include on-base housing, dormitory or barrack residents, and off-base Bethel Manor family housing residents, to cease public or private in-person gatherings that include those who do not live in your residence. This not only aligns JBLE's posture with the Commonwealth of Virginia, but goes further to cease all non-mission essential gatherings outside the familial home, dormitory, or barrack residence. You are allowed to engage in a gathering with those, and only those, you reside within your familial home, dormitory, or barrack residence. You are not allowed to engage in a gathering with a friend or neighbor outside the familial home, dormitory, or barrack, except as missions or emergencies necessitate.

b. In addition, I am ordering JBLE housing residents, to include on-base JBLE Housing, dormitory or barrack residents, and off-base Bethel Manor family housing residents, to stay home or at their place of residence, except as mission dictates or as personal necessities, such as employment, food, exercise, prescriptions, or health care, require. If you need to leave your home, you should practice social distancing (6 feet or 2 meters) and avoid those who do not live in your residence.

c. **JBLE Active Duty Personnel residing Off-Base.** The Commonwealth of Virginia has prohibited all public and private in-person gatherings of ten or more persons. Active Duty personnel residing off-base are required to adhere to guidelines issued by state and local authorities. Check www.governor.virginia.gov/executive-actions for the latest guidance, restrictions and requirements within the Commonwealth of Virginia.

d. Further, as the installation commander, I am ordering JBLE active duty personnel that reside in the off-base community to stay home or at their place of residence, except as mission dictates or as personal

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necessities, such as employment, food, exercise, prescriptions, or health care, require. If you need to leave your home, you should practice social distancing (6 feet or 2 meters) and avoid those who do not live in your residence.

e. **JBLE Non-Active Duty Personnel residing Off-Base.** The Commonwealth of Virginia has prohibited all public and private in-person gatherings of ten or more persons. Civilian employees, contractors, family members, and military dependents residing off-base are recommended to adhere to guidelines issued by state and local authorities. Please review the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia's website, www.governor.virginia.gov/executive-actions for the latest guidance, restrictions and requirements.

f. Further, I highly encourage all civilian employees, contractors, family members, and military dependents that reside in the off-base community to voluntarily restrict their movement and to stay home or at their place of residence, except as mission dictates or as personal necessities, such as employment, food, exercise, prescriptions, or health care, require. If you need to leave your home, please review the latest guidance, restrictions and requirements on the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia's website, www.governor.virginia.gov/executive-actions. I encourage a practice of social distancing (6 feet or 2 meters) and avoid those who do not live in your residence.

3. This order will go into effect immediately and terminate automatically 30 days from the date of this order, unless it is renewed by myself, or terminated sooner. If you feel you need relief from this order at any time, requests for relief will be in writing and delivered to the PHEO, who will provide the information to me for final determination.
4. This order does not limit local commanders from issuing more restrictive measures to promote good order and discipline, mission accomplishment, and/or to promote the overall health and safety of their units.
5. Any person who refuses to obey or otherwise violates this 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.
6. This action is reasonable and necessary to limit the spread of COVID-19, protect service members and families, safeguard national security, and support the administration of whole of government approach. Together, we can flatten the curve and preserve the health and welfare of the JBLE community.



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Commander

Attachment:

Declaration of Public Health Emergency, dated 27 March 2020 (1 page)