

# DoD COVID-19 UPDATE

April 3, 2020

**COVID-19 Response Imagery** <https://www.dvidshub.net/feature/COVID19>

## **Key Developments**

- 5 million N95 masks were delivered to HHS at Swedesboro, NJ and Edison, NJ distro centers outside of New York City.
- U.S. Northern Command is responsible for the DoD's active-duty operations in response to COVID-19. Under NORTHCOM's direction:
  - USNS Mercy and Comfort are operating as referral hospitals for non-COVID-19 patients who are currently admitted to shore-based hospitals. Crews aboard the ships are providing a full spectrum of medical care to include general surgeries, critical care and ward care for adults, which allows local hospitals to focus on COVID-19 patients.
- National Guard Update
  - 19,700 Guardsmen are actively supporting COVID-19 response at the direction of their governors with state priorities continuing to focus on supporting community based testing sites, creating additional medical capacity, and providing logistical support to include transportation and distribution of medical supplies and food.
    - West Virginia NG currently has more than 420 Soldiers and Airmen on duty. In just one day the National Guard members:
      - Conducted 20 training missions for retailers, food establishments, and convenience stores in the proper wear of PPE.
      - Logistics teams delivered critical PPE to 55 counties throughout the state.
      - Delivered 5,500 meals using refrigerated trucks; packed an additional 2,000 meals for distribution.
      - Assisted at two drive-through testing sites
    - Maryland NG Airmen have processed and distributed over 1 million masks, gloves and other protective equipment to health care workers and hospitals.
    - Tennessee NG is supporting the State Department of Health to operate 35 testing sites across the state.
    - Massachusetts NG is working with state agencies to distribute PPE from the state stockpile to critical areas across the commonwealth.

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
  - USACE is operating under 15 FEMA Mission Assignments totaling \$1.2 billion, with 15,000 personnel engaged and more than 1,750 deployed in support of response operations. USACE has completed 549 (+35) Alternate Care Facility site assessments of the 669 (+49) requested.
  - USACE is currently executing eight construction contracts for eight Alternate Care Facility sites that will add 9,820 beds to states with critical shortages in cities such as New York City, Detroit, and Chicago. There are seven contracts slated for award which will provide another 2,839 beds and nine contacts pending with the potential for another 6,250 beds across New York, New Jersey, Arizona and Illinois.
  - Six states are also self-executing eight Alternate Care Facilities (5,593 beds total) using USACE’s design and contracting packages. USACE is also assisting with the design and siting of Federal Medical Systems across several states to provide another 3,000 beds. One such Federal Medical System was just opened in the Javits Center (1,000 beds) in New York City, April 1.
- Medical professionals from the U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine are training medics down at Joint Base Charleston on the use of a [Transport Isolation System](#) if a request came to move patients affected by COVID-19 aboard a cargo military aircraft. The TIS is an infectious disease containment unit designed to minimize risk to aircrew and medical attendants, while allowing in-flight medical care for patients afflicted by contagions like COVID-19.

### DoD Totals, 0500, April 3, 2020

|                   | Current Cases* | Hospitalized | Recovered | Deaths |
|-------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------|--------|
| <b>Military</b>   | 978 (+85)      | 34 (-1)      | 73 (+14)  | 1      |
| <b>Civilian</b>   | 306            | 30 (-4)      | 11        | 2      |
| <b>Dependent</b>  | 256            | 16 (+4)      | 12        | 1      |
| <b>Contractor</b> | 108 (+13)      | 4            | 2 (+1)    | 2 (+1) |

\*Total DoD Cases (Current, Recovered and Deaths) is 1,752.

| Current Cases   | USA | USAF | USMC | USN | ANG | ARNG |
|-----------------|-----|------|------|-----|-----|------|
| <b>Military</b> | 277 | 230  | 73   | 322 | 0   | 76   |

### Today's Events

- 1100 Press Brief with Air Mobility Command Deputy Commander Lieutenant General Jon Thomas
- 1330 Press Brief with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Lieutenant General Todd T. Semonite.