

DoD COVID-19 UPDATE

April 6, 2020

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Key Developments

- Secretary of Defense issued guidance for the wear of cloth face coverings for all individuals on DoD installations when they cannot maintain six feet of social distancing. Individuals are encouraged to fashion face coverings from household items such as t-shirts or clean cloth that can cover the nose and mouth area.
- U.S. Northern Command is responsible for the DoD's active-duty operations in response to COVID-19. Under NORTHCOM's direction:
 - The USNS Comfort in an effort to reduce the backlog at some of the nearby New York hospitals modified its screening for care, including temperature and questionnaire now at the pier-side.
 - At the request of FEMA, the DoD will expand its medical support to include COVID-19 positive patients at the Javits Federal Medical Station (FMS) in New York City, the Morial FMS in New Orleans, and the Kay Bailey Hutchinson FMS in Dallas.
 - 280 Navy medical personnel assigned to Expeditionary Medical Facility-M (EMF-M) have deployed as part of the COVID-19 response to support civil health authorities in existing facilities in New Orleans and Dallas.
- National Guard Update
 - 22,000 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.
 - The Montana National Guard is conducting temperature screenings at 11 airports and train stations across the state and also assisting with planning at the State Emergency Management Agency.
 - The Arizona National Guard recently flew 300 sets of masks and gowns to a medical facility in the Navajo Nation town of Kayenta. The shipment also included some 2,000 gloves for healthcare workers. Several dozen guardsmen are working on building an alternate care facility in that area.
 - The Florida National Guard continues to support the State's COVID-19 response through Community Based Testing Sites, augmentation to airport screening, state-wide logistics support, coordination, planning and operational mission sets. To date, the FLNG has assisted in testing over 23,000 people.

- The Illinois National Guard is establishing mobile testing sites in Chicago and Bloomington, conducting assessments for alternate care facilities and providing medical support to one Illinois Department of Corrections facility.
- California Air National Guardsmen are assisting with the construction and setup of an alternate care site at the Santa Clara Convention Center. The temporary facility will provide 250 beds for non-COVID patients.
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
 - USACE is operating under 22 FEMA Mission Assignments totaling \$1.5 billion, with 15,000 personnel engaged and more than 1,750 deployed in support of response operations. USACE has completed 750 (+201) Alternate Care Facility site assessments of the 851 (+182) requested.
 - USACE is currently executing 13 construction contracts for 13 Alternate Care Facility sites that will add 10,000 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 contracts 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.

DoD Totals, 0500, April 6, 2020

	Current Cases*	Hospitalized	Recovered	Deaths
Military	1,435 (+87)	37 (+2)	119 (+17)	1
Civilian	398 (+68)	44 (+9)	23 (+4)	4
Dependent	336 (+20)	14 (-2)	26 (+3)	0
Contractor	177 (+17)	15 (+6)	8 (+2)	1

*Total DoD Cases (Current, Recovered and Deaths) is 2,528

Current Cases	USA	USAF	USMC	USN	NGB
Military	334 (+27)	281 (+23)	86 (+4)	431 (+16)	303 (+17)

Today's Events

- 1400 Press Brief with Gen. Paul Funk II, commanding general of U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, and Gen. John Murray, commanding general of Army Futures Command