



U.S. ARMY MATERIEL COMMAND

CG SENDS: COVID-19 UPDATE, 17 MAR 2020

Army Materiel Command team,

The health, safety and security of our workforce and your families is our top priority. To that end, my goal is to be transparent and communicate regularly about our efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

I have authorized Commanders to maximize workforce flexibilities, including options for telework, leave and work schedules. Our headquarters staff will also implement increased telework. I encourage you to stay in constant communication with your supervisor and chain of command about options available to you.

In accordance with DoD and Army guidance, I have stopped all government-funded travel, including PCS and TDY, for Soldiers, Civilians and Family members. Military members will only be authorized local leave in accordance with Army policies. DoD civilians and family members should consider the risks before traveling. A 14-day self-quarantine is required for those returning from international travel and those exposed to the virus.

While we are all rightfully concerned about the COVID-19 situation, we must not lose focus of our mission and purpose. Our Army still has Soldiers and Civilians deployed around the globe, and Families on installations worldwide, relying on us for critical services, support, equipment and supplies. The strength of our nation is our Army, and our Army needs us to be ready and prepared to respond to any contingency.

I encourage you to use the official resources noted below to find more information about COVID-19.

Stay safe! Army Strong!

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OFFICIAL RESOURCES:

- Government Response to Coronavirus, COVID-19 – [usa.gov/coronavirus](https://www.usa.gov/coronavirus)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- Department of Defense Response and Guidance – <https://www.defense.gov/Explore/Spotlight/Coronavirus/>
- Defense Health Agency Tricare Guidance – <https://www.tricare.mil/HealthWellness/HealthyLiving/Coronavirus>
- U.S. Army COVID-19 Guidance – <https://www.army.mil/coronavirus>
- Office of Personnel Management Guidance – <https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/covid-19/>



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