



# U.S. ARMY MATERIEL COMMAND

## CG SENDS: COVID-19 UPDATE, 9 JUNE 2020

Army Materiel Command team,

THANK YOU! You have heard me say that in my emails and weekly videos for the past 13 weeks, but today, I want to say it again, and I want to say it first. Thank you for staying focused on the mission, even with so much weighing on your hearts and minds. Thank you for staying disciplined to our strategy to combat and prevent this invisible enemy, even as COVID fatigue and summer fever sets in. Thank you for recognizing how important you are - to Army Materiel Command, to the Warfighter and to the Nation.

As conditions continue to change, I encourage you to use the official resources noted in the attached document to stay up to date on the latest information on COVID-19. My goal through these unprecedented times has been to communicate with you regularly and be as transparent as possible. I will continue to do so through my weekly videos, as will your leaders at all levels through various means.

My coaching to you is to continue reaching out to your peers, coworkers and teammates. Check on their well-being. Talk to them. Listen to them. Engage with them. We must continue to practice social connection and strengthen our teams accordingly. As our Army Senior Leaders have said, it is all about our squad. Are you taking care of your squad?

Winning Matters!

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## COVID-19 RESOURCES / FAQ

### 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>
- Office of Personnel Management Guidance - <https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/covid-19/>

### FAQs:

*Q. What is AMC currently doing in response to COVID-19?*

A. AMC is supporting the fight against COVID-19 across the force, utilizing its expertise in logistics and sustainment to deliver medical equipment and supplies around the world. AMC is focused on protecting the workforce, combatting and preventing the spread of the virus, and accomplishing our worldwide mission.

*Q. When will AMC organizations around the world return their workforces to the office?*

A. AMC will conduct a deliberate, phased, conditions-based and mission-focused return to the workplace with processes established to protect the force, prevent the spread of COVID-19, and execute our mission. Commanders and leaders have been given authority to make decisions about continued workforce flexibilities and the return of their on-site workforce within the established DoD transition framework, based on four primary factors: 1) the case rate in and around a given installation (an observed decline in case rate over a 14-day period), 2) capacity to test, 3) capacity to monitor and 4) capacity to treat the virus. Each organization's timeline will differ based on regional conditions. Employees should stay in close contact with their first-line supervisor about their work status.

*Q. When can Soldiers, civilians and their families conduct scheduled travel, TDY and/or PCS? And what about my HHGs?*

A. The DoD guidance issued on May 26 begins the transition to a conditions-based, phased approach to personnel movement and travel restrictions. While the stop-movement order remains in effect, Army Soldiers and Civilians may continue to apply for an Exception to Policy in the event a PCS meets the criteria provided in previous guidance. Deployed and redeploying Soldier movements will continue with appropriate risk mitigation steps. For Soldiers with an approved and scheduled PCS, TRANSCOM recently issued guidance to all moving providers and transportation offices that mandates additional hygiene, crew size and certification measures so that military families can have confidence their moves will be conducted in a safe manner.

*Q. What about personal travel and quarantine requirements afterwards?*

A. Military members are only authorized local leave in accordance with Army policies. Leave outside of the local area requires an exception to policy at the General Officer level. DoD civilians and family members should consider the risks and take appropriate precautions before, during and after travel. A 14-day self-quarantine is required for those returning from international travel and those exposed to the virus.

*Q. Will workforce flexibilities stay in place for the foreseeable future?*

A. Within Headquarters AMC, maximum workforce flexibilities will continue to be used at least through June 15 as the command continues to develop and revise plans for a measured and gradual return to the headquarters building. Across the enterprise, commands will continue to utilize workforce flexibilities, such as telework and weather/safety leave, while implementing measures that protect the workforce, prevent the spread of the virus and enable mission accomplishment. While return timelines may differ between commands due to regional factors, AMC and the Army are continuously assessing workplace factors to ensure these spaces are safe and secure for the workforce to complete their critical mission. As the return to the workplace continues, all employees should exercise social distancing, wearing of face coverings in common areas and frequent hand-washing.

