



Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Child Food Services

San Diego County Office of Education will provide students, age 2-18, meals during school closures begining March 16. To see a list of available site visit the site below:

<https://www.sdcoe.net/news/pages/20-03-13-student-food-service-during-district-closures.aspx>

Updated Training Track Guidance Issued

Story By MC1 Mark D. Faram, CNP Public Affairs

The Navy has issued amplifying guidance to the recently issued “stop movement” order that has frozen non-mission essential transfers and official travel until May 11.

Additional guidance is now available concerning travel for Sailors on temporary duty orders for training or permanent change of station (PCS) orders with intermediate stops for training.

As the worldwide spread of the coronavirus plays out, expect Navy leadership to flex to meet the needs of the service by modifying guidance as necessary to protect Sailors, Navy civilians and their families while ensuring the force stays mission-ready around the globe. All amplifying guidance will be codified in a future NAVADMIN update.

For Sailors on temporary duty for training – either in the entry-level pipeline or fleet returnees at advanced training courses, you will be directed to complete your current training and/or school. Your follow-on destination is dependent on your individual situation and specific force health considerations.

For those in a Permanent Change of Station training track, upon completion of your current training and/or school, you could be directed to return to your previous permanent duty station, sent on to your ultimate permanent duty station or be told to remain in place at your current school or training site if it's considered prudent for health protection.

For those who are attending multiple schools, if the next school is at the same training location, and the course is still being offered as planned, the individual Sailor will most likely continue in the training pipeline and once the training and/or school is complete, your follow-on destination will be evaluated.

Sailors should consult with either their current chain of command or Navy Personnel Command (NPC) MyNavy Career Center (MNCC) as a starting place to sort out your situation.

Most Sailors impacted right now are those due to execute orders in the next two months. Those in this situation should contact their detailer or MNCC immediately.

COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS DISEASE

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Staying Operational During COVID-19

Story By MC2 Amber Smalley, Abraham Lincoln Public Affairs

Two months after completing deployment, USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) was back out at sea conducting carrier qualifications (CQ) for Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 9.

During the five day CQ, CVW 9 qualified 37 pilots, keeping them operationally ready and current on qualifications. In one day, Abraham Lincoln Sailors worked with pilots to complete 175 arrested landings.

“Like all things, practice makes perfect,” said Capt. James Christie, commander, CVW 9. “Recovering and landing on an aircraft carrier is a perishable skill for us pilots, so maintaining these yearly requirements is crucial for us.”

The short underway balanced operational readiness with Coronavirus-2019 (COVID-19) concerns. Before going out to sea, Abraham Lincoln's medical department screened Sailors for COVID-19 symptoms prior to embarkation.

“Health and safety of the crew is Abraham Lincoln's top priority,” said Lt. Roy Couture, Abraham Lincoln's ship nurse. “Medical's strategy for battling COVID-19 mimics operational readiness tactics. The common denominators allowing us to stay operationally ready and adapt to COVID-19 threats are to: stay healthy, utilize risk mitigation, and have a plan for all contingencies. Being able to combat COVID-19 concerns starts with containing the spread and minimize its impact on the embarked crew.”

Although Abraham Lincoln's crew is no stranger to keeping the ship clean during the ship's daily, hour-long cleaning stations, an added emphasis has been placed on disinfecting high-traffic areas. Leadership instructed the crew was instructed to target areas such as hand rails, door knobs, keyboards, desks and bathrooms.

“I am grateful our leadership is so concerned with our health,” said Seaman Michael Prewitt. “I am happy to take the extra time to clean and disinfect our home in an effort to keep us all mission ready.”

The crew of Abraham Lincoln continues to learn, educate themselves, and follow the most up-to-date guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control to keep the crew safe and healthy. Anyone who believes they are sick is advised to seek professional guidance from health professionals.



ABH2 Ivan Marin signals an F/A-18F Super Hornet assigned to the “Black Aces” of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 41 to launch off the flight deck .
Photo by of MC3 (SW) Jeff Sherman

DOD Poised To Provide Masks, Ventilators, Labs For Coronavirus Fight

Story By C. Todd Lopez , DOD News

The Defense Department will make available up to 5 million respirator masks and other personal protective equipment from its strategic reserves to the Department of Health and Human Services for distribution, Esper said during a news conference at the Pentagon today, adding that the first million masks would be made available immediately.

Esper said some 2,000 deployable ventilators would also be made available to HHS. Those devices, he said, are different from civilian equivalents and will require special training for civilian users, so DOD personnel likely will provide that training.

To help measure the spread of the coronavirus, the Defense Department has also made 14 certified testing labs available to test non-DOD personnel, and two labs would be added to that total, the secretary said.

Additionally, Esper said, DOD officials are considering use of the National Guard, the Reserve components, and capabilities such as the Navy's hospital ships USNS Comfort and USNS Mercy. He said the Comfort is undergoing maintenance now and the Mercy is in port.

“We've already given orders to the Navy, a few days ago, to lean forward in terms of getting them ready to deploy,” Esper said.

But while those ships and other DOD medical facilities such as hospitals and tent-based deployable medical facilities do provide capability, the secretary said, those capabilities are geared in many cases toward trauma care, rather than patients with COVID-19.

“They don't necessarily have the space, the segregated space, you need to deal with infectious disease,” he said. Still, he added, those facilities might be used to take loads off civilian medical facilities so those civilian facilities might treat COVID-19 cases.

“One of the ways you could use the field hospitals, the hospital ships or things in between is to take the pressure off the civilian hospitals when it comes to trauma cases to open up civilian hospital rooms for infectious

diseases,” Esper said.

He also pointed out that DOD medical facilities such as the Navy medical ships require staff, and getting that staff in place means pulling them from elsewhere.

“All those doctors and nurses either come from our medical treatment facilities, or they come from the reserves, which means civilians,” Esper said. “What we have to be very conscious of and careful of as we ... use them to support the states [is] that we aren't robbing Peter to pay Paul, so to speak. What I don't want to do is take reservists from a hospital where they are needed just to put them on a ship to take them somewhere else where they are needed.”

Esper spent the first part of the day today visiting some of the DOD doctors and scientists at Fort Detrick, Maryland, who are working on advancing vaccine and treatment efforts to combat the coronavirus. While there, he said, he visited both the Army Medical Research and Development Command and the Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases to learn about those efforts.

“They have incredible capabilities,” he said. “They're well-knitted, extremely well-knitted into the interagency efforts.”

Esper said he learned at Fort Detrick that the expectation is about 12 to 18 months for a vaccine, but that facilities there have the ability to help in vaccine production if a private-sector facility were to develop a vaccine earlier. He also said he was told Fort Detrick officials will soon increase their capacity to conduct virus testing with the purchase of new equipment.

“In my conversations with governors and members of Congress about the DOD's resources, I've made it clear that we will continue to support the administration's comprehensive efforts and the country every step of the way, while ensuring our nation's security remains the top priority of the Department of Defense,” Esper said.

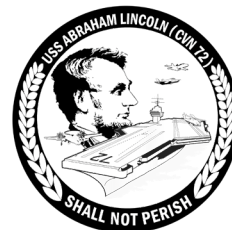
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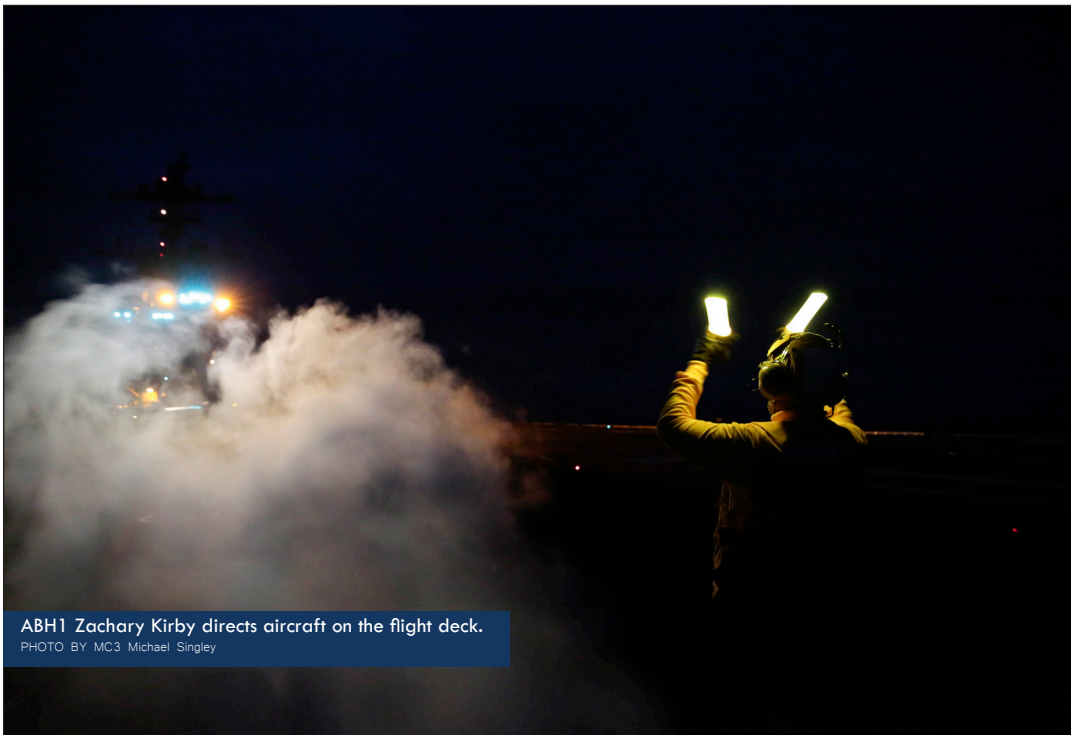
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“Shall Not Perish”



ABH1 Zachary Kirby directs aircraft on the flight deck.
PHOTO BY MC3 Michael Singley



AM3 David Shumate (front) and AMAN Justin Newman fill bottles with cleaning solution.
PHOTO BY MC3 JOEL MUNDO



AD2 Julia Debona stands safety watch for a C-2A Greyhound assigned to the "Providers" of Fleet Logistics Support Squadron (VRC) 30.
PHOTO BY MC3 (SW) JEFF SHERMAN



Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Nicholes Paredes disinfects gym equipment.
PHOTO BY MC3 JOEL MUNDO

SAILOR OF THE DAY



HM3 Megan York
DENTAL
Lucerne Valley, Calif.
Aboard for 2 years, 5 months

HM3 York has successfully aided in the completion of 343 dental procedures that totaled a dental weighted value of \$17.2K. Her inexhaustible efforts directly contributed to Command Operational Dental Readiness of 98.04%! She completed 1,125 prophylaxis cleanings valued at 168k that directly contributed to an increase of 9% dental health index from 17.23% to 26.22%

She maintained 3 scales at 100% readiness for ships calibration required for department maintenance. As the initial patient point of contact, she gave 12 indoctrination briefs for personnel new to the command that led to positive patient interaction. As an MWR Representative, she assisted with developing activities for 3 port calls and aided in the set up for 3 movie events that contributed to increased command morale.

Recently qualified as Enlisted Air Warfare Specialist, her 2nd warfare qualification, exemplified her dedication to personal development and team warfighting commitment and is absolutely noteworthy and deserving to be Abraham Lincoln's Sailor of the Day.

QUICK LINKS

For the most up-to-date information regarding COVID-19 visit the following websites:

Navy Live Blog	https://navylive.dodlive.mil
The Center for Disease Control	www.cdc.gov/coronavirus
Tricare's Coronavirus Guide	www.tricare.mil/coronavirus
Military Health Guidance	https://health.mil/news
DoD Guidance	www.defense.gov/explore (Search COVID-19)
Multimedia Products and News	www.dvidshub.net (Search COVID-19)
NMCSD Coronavirus Hotline	(619) 532-5358



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Beginning Monday, March 23, Abraham Lincoln Sailors will report to work only on duty days or sister section duty days in order to limit the spread of COVID-19.

WEATHER REPORT



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