



FACT SHEET: DOD Support To COVID-19 Pandemic Response As of April 03, 2020

The Department of Defense (DOD) is taking action along a number of fronts to support President Trump's whole-of-government pandemic response efforts. These include:

DOD Medical Capabilities:

- Vaccines: DOD has five vaccine initiatives at different stages of development.
- Antiviral Medication: DOD has three antiviral therapeutic studies underway and the FDA is enabling their production through the Emergency Use Authority Process for applicable DOD candidates established in the FY18 NDAA.
- Hospital Ships: The USNS Comfort and USNS Mercy are operating as referral hospitals for nonCOVID-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. The screening for care on the USNS Comfort will be modified and will now occur pier-side in an effort to reduce the backlog at some of the nearby New York hospitals.
- Field Medical Support:
 - Air Force – The U.S. Air Force flew an en-route patient staging system for the Italian Ministry of Defense to Aviano, Italy, capable of supporting 40 patients in a 24-hour period.
 - Army – The 531st and 9th Army Field Hospitals deployed to the Javits Center in New York and began receiving patients March 31. This site will expand its medical support to include COVID-19 positive patients at the Javits Federal Medical Station (FMS). The 627th Army Field Hospital and 47th Combat Support Hospital deployed to Seattle, WA, and are expected to start receiving patients April 2.
 - Navy - The U.S. Navy is in the process of deploying an Expeditionary Medical Facility at two locations, the Ernest M. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans, and the Kay Bailey Convention Center in Dallas, TX. The sites are expected to be fully operational within the next few days. At the request of FEMA, the Department of Defense will expand its medical support to include COVID-19 positive patients at the Morial FMS in New Orleans, Louisiana, and the Kay Bailey Hutchinson FMS in Dallas, Texas.
 - These three DoD-supported locations will now provide support to COVID-19 positive patients in convalescent care, as well as low-acuity patients. These patients, who require a lower level of medical care, must first be screened at a local hospital.
 - These units are supporting relief efforts as referral hospitals for non-COVID-19 patients.
- Logistics: DOD is making essential supplies available from DOD stockpiles and through other means:
 - 8,000 ventilators: Defense Logistics Agency will spend \$84.4 million to buy 8,000 ventilators, with delivery of an initial 1,400 by early May.
 - Five million N95 breathing masks.
 - Test Swab Kits: Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) helped deliver six C-17 shipments, totaling 3 million COVID-19 test kit swabs to support U.S. medical professionals stateside and military members in Europe.
- Quarantine Facilities: DOD is providing 13 bases to temporarily house U.S. Citizens and legal permanent

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residents who require mandatory quarantine as they re-enter the United States. DOD is no longer housing cruise ship passengers under a voluntary quarantine.

- **Medical Facility Planning:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has received 17 Mission Assignments from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to support medical facility planning. USACE has more than 15,500 personnel providing support and more than 1,550 personnel deployed. USACE Emergency Operations Centers have been activated at 48 locations and USACE personnel have completed more than 670 site assessments with 750 assessments requested. USACE has awarded 8 contracts and is developing 8 alternate care facilities in 3 states to date.
- **Support to FEMA:** U.S. Army North, in response to a FEMA request, activated ten Defense Coordinating Elements, co-located with each FEMA regional headquarters, to coordinate federal military assistance requests. They are also waiting on a potential tasking order to send a Combat Support Hospital to Washington state.
- **Defense Industrial Base:** DOD is actively engaging with the Defense Industrial Base to ensure the health and safety of their workers as well as maintain critical national security activities. To that end, the DOD is actively supporting the Defense Industrial Base. Attached is a quick summary of the DOD's efforts and the memos can be found here <https://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/pacc/cc/COVID-19.html>. The Department has created a one stop shop website for the defense industrial base. This website includes a way for businesses to engage with DOD and key resources for businesses on what DOD is doing to support the defense industrial base. <https://www.businessdefense.gov/coronavirus/>

Reserves and National Guard:

- **Reserves:** On March 27, the President signed an Executive Order to bring select members in the National Guard and Reserves and certain Individual Ready Reserve members to active duty to augment forces helping with the coronavirus outbreak.
- **National Guard:** Secretary Esper also authorized the expanded use of Title 32 status to all State National Guard forces, and to date DOD has approved 13 states. DOD has also accelerated the process for such approval subject to a state or territory having met all the required criteria from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and conditions for DOD approval of the FEMA Mission Assignment. These conditions are:
 - The States and territories of FEMA identify specific requirements for COVID-19 support in accordance with the Stafford Act;
 - Requests originating from the States and territories must be submitted to FEMA; and
 - FEMA approves and provides the Department of Defense with a fully reimbursable Mission Assignment.
- DOD has approved additional FEMA Mission Assignments with Title 32 federal support and DOD is continuing to receive requests from additional states. Please see the addendum for the approved National Guard Mission Assignments. FEMA has also released information regarding the criteria for approving National Guard Title 32 Status. <https://www.fema.gov/national-guard-title-32-status>
- To date, over 19,700 Air and Army National Guard Members are supporting governors. National Guard response missions include, but are not limited to, full-time, 24-hour state Emergency Operations Center staffing; working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to increase medical capacity; supporting warehouse operations and logistics to help deliver critical supplies; delivering food; manning call centers; providing support to testing facilities; providing critical Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) training and delivery to civilian first responders; and providing transportation to healthcare providers. Key state efforts are focused on ramping up testing sites in areas heaviest effected by COVID-19 and providing medical supply and PPE distribution.

- **Thirty states** have approved the use of Dual-Status Commanders, giving them the authority to command active and reserve component troops under control of a state's governor. Two states currently have a Dual-Status Commander on orders.

Repatriating U.S. Citizens:

- DOD continues to support the Department of State (DOS) with the U.S. citizen repatriation mission, with DOS in the lead. U.S. Transportation Command will source commercial air to execute movements; designate state aircraft as necessary; and use its own aircraft only by exception.

Protecting Service Members:

- The Secretary of Defense issued guidance to raise the Health Protection Condition (HPCON) level to Charlie at all DoD installations globally to ensure the wellness of our service members, civilians, contractors, and families, while also safeguarding our national mission capabilities.
- Stop Movement Order: DOD has stopped almost all Permanent Change of Station (PCS) and Temporary Duty government-funded movement of servicemembers, DoD civilian personnel and DoD families.
- Social Distancing: All large social gatherings and ceremonies have been postponed. Telework opportunities are being maximized for eligible personnel.
- Treatment: TRICARE is utilizing tele-medicine where possible and strongly encouraging those beneficiaries with COVID-19 symptoms to use the Nurse Advice Line instead of walking into an MTF or clinic to avoid community spread.

DoD COVID-19 Patient Totals, April 2, 2020

	Current Cases*	Hospitalized	Recovered	Deaths
Military	893(+122)	35(-5)	59(+7)	1
Civilian	306(+33)	34(+12)	11(+4)	2
Dependent	226(+31)	12(+3)	12(+4)	1
Contractor	95(+21)	4(+1)	1(+1)	1

*Total DoD Cases (Current and Recovered) is 1,638

USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT – The first Sailors who tested positive were medevac'd from the ship March 24, before it arrived in Guam. Sailors who have tested positive are in isolation on Naval Base Guam and medical representatives are evaluating their symptoms daily. The ship has moved more than 900 Sailors off the ship already and continues to move more off each day. They expect an additional 2,000 Sailors to be moved off in the next 48 hrs. Sailors with specific skillsets and qualifications, and certain watchstanders have been tested, moved off ship and placed in quarantine on base in order to preserve operational capabilities.

Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island - There have been at least 30 positive cases at Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD) Parris Island, SC. All of the cases remained contained within the single company that was originally exposed, and they remain isolated for care. As a result of this outbreak, shipment of recruits to MCRD Parris Island has been delayed until 13 April.

National Guard Mission Assignments

The following are Mission Assignments (MAs) for National Guard approved by the Department of Defense as of 4/02/2020. **The ones highlighted in yellow are new.**

State	Description	State	Description
CA	Alternate Medical Facilities	MA	Technical SMEs
DC	NRCC Activation	MI	Alternate Care Facilities
DC	Fusion Cell	WI	Initial Planning/Assessment
IL	Alternate Medical Facilities	AS (American Samoa)	Strategic Airlift
NJ	Alternate Medical Facilities	AS	FSA at AS Army Reserve Center
NY	Alternate Medical Facilities	GU (Guam)	FSA at Anderson Air Force Base
HI	JBPHH as ISB	GU	Strategic Airlift
HI	Rotary Wing Aircraft	GU	Rotary Wing Support
DC	JTF for C2	GU	GUNG T32 Authorization
DC	N95 Masks	MP (Northern Mariana Islands)	Strategic Airlift
CA	USNS Mercy	MP	FSA at Saipan ARC
CA	Travis, AFB as ISB	DC	SMEs at NRCC
CA	CANG T32 Authorization	CT	CTNG T32 Authorization
CA	Strategic Airlift (Air Bridge Pacific)	FL	FLNG T32 Authorization
NJ	NJNG T2 Authorization	IL	ILNG T32 Authorization
NY	USNS Comfort	LA	LANG T32 Authorization
NY	NYNG T32 Authorization	MA	MANG T32 Authorization
NY	Mortuary Affairs	MD	MDNG T32 Authorization
NY	3,000 bed Med Staff	MI	MING T32 Authorization
PA	Dover AFB as FSA	NY	48 ICU Beds
WA	Joint Base Lewis McCord as ISB	NY	Mortuary Affairs
WA	WANG T32 Authorization	PR (Puerto Rico)	PRNG T32 Authorization
WA	High Acuity Med Support		
WA	Low Acuity Med Support		