Dear Parents of the USMA Class of 2025:

Welcome to the West Point family and congratulations on your son’s or daughter’s selection to the United States Military Academy – the nation’s preeminent leader development institution. By choosing West Point, they are not only pursuing higher education, but are committing themselves to a path of selfless and honorable service to our nation. Thank you for your support in this endeavor.

Our entire team looks forward to welcoming the Class of 2025 this weekend as they take the first steps of their 47-month journey toward becoming Army officers and leaders of character. The next six weeks of Cadet Basic Training (CBT) will be mentally and physically tough, designed to lay the foundation for success over the next four years. This training, while rigorous and demanding, will be conducted safely, mitigating the risks associated with the COVID environment and with the health and well-being of your sons and daughters as our number one priority.

Our Admissions Team has already shared many aspects of our current COVID policies and procedures, and more R-Day information is available at https://www.westpoint.edu/parents. I would like to highlight a few key points here:

- Vaccines are highly encouraged but are not yet mandatory. Those new cadets that would like to receive a vaccination on R-Day will be afforded the opportunity (J&J and mRNA vaccines will be available).
- In accordance with CDC guidance and Army policy, West Point has removed the mask-wear requirement for vaccinated individuals; however, unvaccinated individuals are still required to wear masks in most settings. This is for the protection of everyone, especially the unvaccinated individual, and protects the ability for all to remain healthy and available for training.
- There will be no grouping of unvaccinated new cadets into certain units for training during CBT. To protect unvaccinated new cadets, where possible they will be paired together for barracks room assignment in accordance with Army Public Health guidance.

You can be assured that our unending focus on educating, training, and inspiring leaders of character applies to every member of the Corps of Cadets, staff, and faculty without distinction, and that all members of the team are treated with dignity and respect.

Thank you for your trust and support. I look forward to welcoming the Class of 2025 to West Point and to meeting with you all soon!

Army Strong!