



OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY
WEST POINT, NEW YORK 10996-5000

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26 March 2020

MEMORANDUM FOR West Point Community

SUBJECT: West Point General Order #1

1. This General Order prohibits activities and explains restrictions and responsibilities for personnel and their dependents assigned to the West Point Military Reservation, and any others who are physically on the West Point Military Reservation. This General Order identifies conduct that is prejudicial to good order and discipline, health, and safety of all personnel within the West Point area of responsibility.

2. **AUTHORITY.** 10 U.S.C. § 7434 (Command and Supervision of the United States Military Academy); 18 U.S.C. § 1382 (Entering Military, Naval, or Coast Guard Property); 42 U.S.C. § 271 (Penalties for Violation of Quarantine Laws); 50 U.S.C. § 797 (Penalty for Violation of Security Regulations and Orders); 10 U.S.C. Chapter 47 (Uniform Code of Military Justice); UCMJ Article 22 (General Court-Martial Convening Authority); Army Regulation 600-20 (Army Command Policy); Army Regulation 27-10 (Military Justice); Department of Defense Instruction 6200.03 (Public Health Emergency Management).

3. **APPLICABILITY.** This General Order applies to all individuals subject to military orders and individuals stationed, assigned, and/or attached to the West Point Military Reservation. It also applies to all civilian personnel, including employees, contractors, family members, other DOD ID card holders, and visitors who are present on the West Point Military Reservation.

4. This General Order is issued to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus, and to protect the health of the Servicemembers, Civilians, and Family Members who make up the West Point community. In recognition of the growing threat of COVID-19, I declared a Public Health Emergency on 26 March 2020, in accordance with Department of Defense Instruction 6200.03 (Public Health Emergency Management). I call upon all of you to be a part of the solution to this problem. That means exercising common sense, complying with the guidelines set forth in this memorandum, and looking out for one another. Your health and safety are my top priority.

5. RESTRICTIONS ON MOVEMENT.

a. All personnel who have returned from travel outside the United States since 1 March 2020 have already been ordered to self-quarantine, stay home (or other approved location), on or off West Point, for 14 days from the date of return, monitor

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your health, and practice social distancing. Social distancing means staying out of crowded places, avoiding group gatherings, and maintaining distance (approximately 6 feet or 2 meters) from others when possible. Inside the home or lodging, you should practice self-isolation, staying away from family members or personnel who did not travel with you, to include eating meals separately, not using the same latrine, and not sharing communal spaces. You are permitted to conduct outdoor activities such as Physical Training or going to an outdoor park, as long as you practice social distancing. You may not travel or visit any building or public area such as the Commissary, PX, Shoppette, Bowling Alley, nor use public transportation. While quarantined, if you live on West Point, you are not permitted to travel off West Point. While quarantined, if you live off West Point, you are not permitted to enter West Point.

b. Personnel assigned to West Point are not permitted to travel to New York City, New Rochelle, or Kiryas Joel. Personnel assigned to West Point who live in or near New York City, New Rochelle, or Kiryas Joel must have supervisor permission before entering West Point. Supervisors should only permit mission essential personnel to travel to West Point.

c. All personnel who exhibit symptoms of the COVID-19 virus, which include fever, cough, and shortness of breath, are directed to follow the quarantine procedures listed in paragraph 2.a., above. You are also directed to immediately contact the Keller Army Community Hospital help line at 1-800-552-2907 or 845-938-7992 to seek medical assistance if you have not done so already.

d. Any individual subject to quarantine has the right to contest the reason for quarantine. Information supporting an exemption or release can be provided to me or one of my designated representatives. My designated representative will review the information provided, in consultation with public health, medical, and legal personnel, for a final determination on the need for quarantine.

6. Even if you are not symptomatic, and have not returned from international travel, you should practice social distancing. While it is important to find ways to maintain a sense of community, parties, barbeques, and other non-essential gatherings are prohibited.

7. Non-mission essential personnel who are able to telework are required to telework. Non-mission essential civilian employees who cannot telework will take weather and safety leave.

8. All members of the West Point community are expected to be aware of and follow the guidelines of set forth by the Garrison Commander regarding COVID-19 quarantine and mitigation efforts. This includes staggered entry times at the start of the duty day in order to prevent backlog at the gates and limitations on the number of people in the Commissary and PX at a given time. I appreciate your patience.

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9. **OFF-POST TRAVEL.** On 22 March, the State of New York issued an executive order that limits unnecessary gatherings and directs that all employees of non-essential businesses across the state stay at home. While this order limits personal activities taking place outside of West Point, these restrictions DO NOT impact federal employees and contractors in the course of their official duties, including travel to West Point. Similarly, the order does not apply to NAFI employees and sub-contractors working or traveling in the course of their official, West Point related mission.

10. I have directed medical screening of all persons attempting to enter West Point. Anyone wishing to access the installation must be medically cleared to do so. Anyone with a fever or other symptoms of the virus will be denied access or directed to self-quarantine.

11. This memorandum is a punitive order for military personnel and civilian personnel. Violations of these restrictions by military personnel may be punished IAW Articles 84 and 90 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, or may serve as the basis for adverse administrative action. Violation of these restrictions by civilian personnel may result in criminal or adverse action, to include, but not be limited to, loss of AAFES and Commissary privileges, a bar from the installation, termination of privilege to reside on West Point, and/or being charged with a crime pursuant to Title 18 U.S.C. § 1382, and Title 42 U.S.C. § 271.

12. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This General Order is effective immediately. It will remain in effect until I rescind it.



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