USMA PAO continues to provide the www.westpoint.edu/coronavirus page and released coordinated external messages on USMA Facebook and Twitter pages.

For more information, contact the West Point Public Affairs Office at paoinformation@westpoint.edu.

See page 2 for an up-to-date Q&A on West Point’s response to the Coronavirus.

See page 3 for Keller Corner updates.

See pages 4-8 and 10-12 for Coronavirus updates via stories, graphics and photos.
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Q: What are the conditions at West Point (as of Tuesday)?
A: The current risk level to the West Point community is MODERATE. We have two confirmed cases of COVID-19 at West Point. For more information, visit www.westpoint.edu/news/press-releases.

Q: Where can the most up-to-date information be found?
A: To monitor our website at www.westpoint.edu/coronavirus and social media sites at Twitter: @WestPoint_USMA and Facebook: @USAGWestPoint for current updates.

Q: Are the cadets able to learn via virtual/online learning?
A: Yes, online learning began March 19. The Dean’s team has a website with recommended best practices for virtual learning. The website can be found at https://www.westpoint.edu/centers-and-research/center-for-teaching-excellence/remote-teaching.

A decision to this, there is training available to instructors if needed.

Q: When will you bring back the Corps of Cadets?
A: Due to the significant changes regarding the health risks associated with COVID-19, the Corps of Cadets will not return to West Point on March 29 as originally planned.

Keeping the corps at home will better ensure the safety of the corps, staff, faculty and the West Point community. West Point leadership continues to monitor the situation and has not set a firm return date at this time.

No decision has been made yet about graduation and commissioning for the Class of 2020. Academy leadership will continue to conduct a thorough planning process to ensure the safe return of the corps at the right time. They will continue to plan for the commissioning of the Class of 2020 to meet the needs of the Army.

A decision on the timing and scope of this event is based on the safety of our cadets and the community.

West Point Superintendent Lt. Gen. Darryl A. Williams’ full letter to the Corps of Cadets can be read on the West Point Facebook page.

Q: Are you planning to cancel events, sports, conferences or graduation?
A: Per the guidance from the CDC and DOD, events will be cancelled on a case-by-case basis. Several events have been cancelled. Army West Point Athletic events have been cancelled for the remainder of the academic year. Sandhurst and multiple other events have also been cancelled.

The most up-to-date information on cancellations can be found at www.westpoint.edu/coronavirus. No decision has been made about graduation at this time.

Q: Is West Point still notifying applicants whether they’ve been accepted for the Class of 2024?
A: Yes. For any questions about admissions, go to https://www.facebook.com/westpointadmissions or call your regional commander.

Q: Will Admissions visits continue?
A: West Point Admissions has cancelled all visits.

Q: Is West Point prepared for an outbreak on its base?
A: As with any military operation, we want to be trained, equipped and prepared to contain the coronavirus quickly and effectively if an outbreak were to occur in or around our base.

Units are conducting preparations in the event a cadet, soldier, family member or civilian employee is diagnosed with COVID-19.

Q: Does West Point have the ability to test for COVID-19 at this time? And if not, is there a plan to make those tests available?
A: No. Keller Army Community Hospital takes the samples, we have the test kits and then we send them to Albany for testing.

However, we’re not testing everyone that is requesting them.

If you come in and you are deemed that you need the test, their recommendations go on to the Chief Medical Officer of the hospital, who is following guidance from Orange County before submitting those tests to Albany.

Q: If I have family members with a visitor pass, will they be able to visit us or are they restricted from post?
A: Yes, if you have family members, they will be able to visit you if they are here. You have to get them or bring them in. However, if you’re in a quarantine status or an isolated status, the answer would be no for that question.

That is our current policy that could change in the future depending on what happens but for now you can get them in.

Q: Are you still hiring new employees? If you are, how do they get on post to start work?
A: Please check with your new supervisor for guidance.

Q: What is West Point doing to inform their Soldiers, families and civilians regarding ongoing support and requirements to prepare for or mitigate exposure to coronavirus?
A: The West Point leadership is hosting virtual town halls to inform Soldiers, families and civilians about how they are responding to and supporting efforts to prepare for or prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

In addition, we are using our social media platforms to inform internal audiences of the latest installation, Army and CDC guidance. You may also check https://www.westpoint.edu/coronavirus.

Q: How is the Army prepared to respond to this outbreak?
A: West Point has standing plans to respond to an infectious disease outbreak and we are executing those plans at our bases and operating locations around the world.

The Army is taking precautionary measures to protect the health of the force and maintain operational readiness.

Q: What are the plans for the elementary and middle schools the Child Development Center and hourly care?
A: Schools are closed indefinitely. The Child Development Center, hourly care, youth sports, teen program and school-age services are all closed until further notice.

DoDEA schools have begun virtual learning.

Q: What’s the current plan for MWR sports? And if/when things are cancelled (sports, programs, care), how will families get refunds?
A: All MWR activities are cancelled. The bowling center restaurant is open for grab and go along with delivery.

For up-to-date information, visit https://westpoint.armymwr.com/programs/bowling-center or westpoint.armymwr.com/covid19.

Q: Where can I find information about everything that is open or closed on West Point?
A: The West Point Garrison Facebook page, the MWR Facilities and Services page at westpoint.armymwr.com/covid19 and https://www.westpoint.edu/coronavirus.

Q: I am a military retiree and use KACH/Commissary, so am I still permitted access to the installation in the case that West Point closes?
A: Yes, authorized retirees are permitted access to the installation for the purpose of visiting the hospital, commissary and PX.

Q: If the post is closed to visitors, who is considered a visitor?
A: If you are not a DOD ID card holder or do not currently have a Visitor ID, you are not allowed access to post.

Q: What facilities are open and have they changed their procedures to support potential virus spread?
A: The West Point Commissary and Post Exchange are open. However, access is controlled to promote social distancing.

All users must be DOD ID card holders.

Q: What accommodations are in place for the support staff? Could they work from home if quarantine becomes necessary?
A: Please check with your supervisor for the latest guidance. The academy is reviewing the list of essential personnel.
Keller Army Community Hospital will provide over-the-counter “cold packs” to beneficiaries, living on West Point, who are exhibiting cold symptoms and “do not” meet the COVID-19 screening criteria.

The cold packs are separated into two criteria:

- **Adult (12 years and older)**—The adult cold pack contains ibuprofen (Motrin) 200mg tablets, phenylephrine (Pseudogest PE) 10mg tablets, guaifenesin (Mucinex) 600mg tablets and sore throat lozenges.
- **Pediatric (2-12 YEARS OLD)**—The pediatric cold pack contains ibuprofen (Motrin) 100mg/5ml liquid and saline nasal spray.

To obtain a cold pack, call the Keller Pharmacy at 845-938-2271/6199 and Keller will confirm eligibility, verify allergies and let you know a time you can come for “in car” pick-up within 24 hours of the request.

The pick-up location is the traffic circle outside of the Brian D. Allgood Ambulatory Clinic.

Any patients who are under a restriction of movement (self-quarantine or self-isolation) should not leave their quarantine/isolation area. If you have other pharmaceutical needs—refills or new prescriptions filled—let the pharmacy know when you call.

We thank you and appreciate your patience as team West Point continues its COVID-19 response.

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West Point implements screenings at gates to combat COVID-19

By Brandon O'Connor
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Last week, new gate screening measures were enacted at the entry points to West Point aimed at containing the spread of COVID-19. As of Tuesday morning, there were already more than 25,000 confirmed cases in New York with most of them within an hour of West Point in New York City. To protect the families living on post and the workforce commuting in daily, everyone entering post will now have their temperature checked and be required to answer a series of questions to determine whether they should be allowed to freely enter or be placed into quarantine.

To help facilitate the screenings, Washington Gate has temporarily been closed and all traffic must enter through either Thayer or Stony Lonesome gates.

Following long lines at the gates during the first two days of implementation, it was announced Monday that on weekdays between 7-8 a.m. gate access would be restricted to mission essential and emergency operations center personnel.

Families who live on post and all other employees are required to enter post before 7 a.m. or after 8 a.m.

“We’ve seen lessons learned out of both Korea and Italy that have seen tremendous density of cases of COVID-19,” Lt. Col. Brian Heverly, West Point director of emergency services, said. “The installations in those areas have instituted these types of changes and screenings and have been wildly successful in not only keeping COVID-19 off the installation, but also identifying those who are either at a higher risk or who have COVID-19 and then putting them in a medical care.”

As people arrive at the gates, before they have their ID cards scanned, they will be asked a series of questions including whether they have traveled overseas in the last 14 days, have any COVID-19 symptoms such as a cough or fever and whether they have had contact with someone who has tested positive for the virus. Their temperatures will also be checked using a forehead thermometer.

If the screener clears them based on their temperature and answers, they will be allowed to enter post freely. If any part of the screening raises a red flag, they will be directed to a secondary screening area at Stony Lonesome Gate to undergo a more detailed interview conducted by a medic.

“The medic also will conduct a similar review and based upon the best practice algorithm be able to determine if a person should be released about their day, placed on home quarantine or recommended for further evaluation at Keller Army Community Hospital by a physician,” Maj. Michael Donohue, M.D., a physician at Keller, said.

The screenings the first couple days were handled entirely by garrison Soldiers but starting this week departments from throughout West Point and the U.S. Military Academy will be supplying personnel to alleviate the stress on the military police.

Screeners are required to wear gloves and have been provided with optional masks and disposable smocks by Keller. The temperature monitors are also being disinfected with alcohol swaps between each use to protect the community and the screeners.

“I’d like to ensure the public as they come to the gates that we are taking all the appropriate measures as dictated by medical professionals to keep not only themselves safe but also ourselves safe as workers,” Heverly said. “When you see them wiping off the temperature monitors with alcohol pads or using the black covers, just know that we’re taking all the precautions to keep them safe, as well as to keep ourselves safe.”

For the most up to date information about West Point’s response to COVID-19 visit WestPoint.edu/Coronavirus or the West Point Garrison and Community Facebook page.
DeCA, West Point Commissary adjust shopping limits, implement other changes

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The Defense Commissary Agency announced several operational policies to help stores better serve customers during the COVID-19 outbreak.

These policies include the following actions:

- Effective immediately, a 100% ID card check at all commissaries, so that only authorized customers—this includes disabled veterans with a Veteran Health Indentification Card—will be able to shop. While this policy is in effect, visitors will not be allowed to enter the commissary. This is designed to help with social distancing and crowd control. Children under 10 with their parents don’t need an ID card.

- Effective as of March 15, to prevent customer-to-customer spread of germs, commissary cashiers no longer handle patron ID cards. Instead, customers will be asked to scan their own ID. Cashiers can use the handheld scanner if available or have the customer scan their own card.

- Effective as of March 19, all commissaries will suspend early bird shopping to allow more time to clean and restock the store.

- In a move to lessen panic-buying, the agency instructed its store directors worldwide to use their discretion in placing the shopping limits necessary to help maintain stock availability.

Retired Rear Adm. Robert J. Bianchi, DOD special assistant for commissary operations, announced the shopping limits policy March 14 in response to a growing number of customers engaged in unauthorized purchases for the purposes of resale or hoarding.

The shopping directive gives store directors more authority to quickly tailor shopping limits, as required, to keep more products available for more customers, Bianchi said.

“Those decisions should not contravene or override any restrictions or guidance provided by installation commanders,” Bianchi said. “However, in the absence of installation commander direction, our store directors are now authorized to make local decisions as they deem necessary to control stock shortages through instances such as panic buying and unauthorized purchases for resale.”

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Brett Kromholz, West Point Commissary store worker, cleans and sanitizes the vegetables and fruits section at the commissary.

“Our distributors are working together with us to meet the unprecedented shopping volume,” Robertin said. “We are receiving shipments daily. Unfortunately, not everything is coming in that is ordered as suppliers are out of stock on some items. As soon as we receive the product, we ensure it goes right to the shelf.”

“The West Point Commissary has placed limits on some items as they come in such as antibacterial gels, wipes and sprays, hand soap, bleach, toilet paper, tissues, chicken, milk, eggs and water, Robertin said.

“As of Tuesday, Robertin said the West Point Commissary will open between 8-9 a.m. for the elderly, physically challenged and pregnant spouses who are at higher risk of COVID-19, in addition to its regular hours of 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.”

Preventing virus spread at stores

The “No ID handling” policy is just one of many actions stores are implementing to help prevent COVID-19 exposure, said James “Jay” Hudson, principal deputy director of DeCA’s Store Operations Group.

“We consider the health and welfare of our customers and our employees our No. 1 concern,” Hudson said. “Our stores are following the highest standards of the Department of Defense’s health protection.”

Hudson also said DeCA encourages its employees to closely monitor their health, and asks them to stay home if they, or someone in their household, are sick.

Robertin added that employees are following the guidelines and working to maintain a safe and healthy shopping environment.

“We are thoroughly cleaning and sanitizing throughout the store,” Robertin said. “Janitorial employees are cleaning the restrooms every hour. Cashiers have been wiping down all contact surfaces to include registers and pin pads. Commissary employees have been sanitizing shopping carts, hand baskets, wiping down refrigerators and freezer door handles to help stop the spread of the Coronavirus.”

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News of what is an uncertain time and difficult situation for employees and customers alike, everyone has been showing integrity and a calmness during the hardship of the moment.

“The commissary employees are truly dedicated to getting the job done and the customers have been understanding and appreciate that we are open to support them during this trying time,” Robertin said. “All the employees are proud to work together as a team to support our mission and take care of the military and their families.”

Robertin said all the measures now in place at the commissary, “will not change until the coronavirus is tempered.”

Aside from the commissary, the Post Exchange will be open daily for vulnerable shoppers from 10-11 a.m., and then for all shoppers from 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Commissary customers should continue to refer to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Coronavirus site at https://www.coronavirus.gov/ for updates and guidance regarding this virus. Updates related to the commissaries can be found on DeCA’s Coronavirus page at https://www.commissaries.com/coronavirus.

For more details on any changes, visit www.westpoint.edu/coronavirus or follow the West Point Garrison and Community on Facebook.
Friday afternoon from my dining room I joined a video conference with Col. Ed Teague, the U.S. Military Academy’s chief information officer, via Microsoft Teams.

The plan was to talk about how vital the introduction of Microsoft Office 365 at West Point has become in the last few weeks, and what better way to conduct an interview about the service than by using it.

Teague himself quickly found out just how vital the new systems, which were put into place starting in the fall of 2018, are when he was forced to undergo a 14-day quarantine in his home after traveling to Brazil with his wife over spring break to visit their daughter at the Military Engineering Institute. His quarantine and my transition to mostly teleworking, along with a large portion of the academy’s workforce in nonessential positions, made conducting the interview in person impossible.

Doing our interview via a Teams video chat was just one example of how the transition to O365 has allowed the academy to continue its mission amidst a set of unforeseen circumstances.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic that has spread throughout the world, much of the day-to-day operations at West Point have moved online in the past week. Cadets have started taking classes via video conferencing and starting Monday more of the academy staff transitioned to teleworking.

When Teague and his team implemented the process to transition West Point to Microsoft’s Office 365 platform, they never could have imagined a need as consequential as this, he said. Prior to the change, the academy operated on an email system hosted in data centers at the academy, which required users to be connected to the academy network to access it. Now, the email is entirely cloud-based and West Point staff, faculty and cadets have access to other O365 tools such as ShareDrive, OneDrive and Teams.

“It would have been the definition of impossible,” Teague said of how the transition to O365 has allowed the academy to continue its mission. “I honestly don’t know how we would have done it.”

West Point initially began transitioning to O365 and the collaborative cloud-based tools it provides in order to stay competitive with peer institutions, Teague said. To attract the top-tier talent needed to teach cadets, the academy had to offer perspective professors the same tools they would have access to at other universities.

The goal was for the new tools to help complement other parts of the curriculum along with in-person classes, labs and physical education classes. It has now become the key cog keeping the academy running with cadets spread throughout the country.

Instead of setting up large phone conferences, professors can link to cadets via video chat and share files and assignments back and forth through email and the other O365 applications.

“Office 365 is just a tool that allows us to do part of our teaching mission.” Teague said. “Typically, our teaching mission is done with many, many other facets of how we interact with cadets to provide the content to them. Right now, between this and the Blackboard collaborative tool, it is allowing us to interact synchronously with cadets day in and day out.”

Registrar Jim Dalton teaches a Physical Geography and Terrain Analysis class using Microsoft Teams to cadets spread out throughout the country. The U.S. Military Academy began teleteaching March 19, after cadets were unable to return from spring break due to COVID-19.

The benefits of the new services have not only benefited professors and cadets either. Staff who have been forced to telework in order to help contain the outbreak have been able to collaborate using the same tools and continue the academy’s workflow.

“We’re really, really pleased and we’re really fortunate that leadership had the foresight to sponsor this effort,” Teague said. “As a team, we are very pleased that people are adopting it, that they’re happy with it and that they’re evolving with it.”

The academy’s transition to O365 was part of an Army pilot program to look at ways to modernize the force. While he admits that West Point’s mission and security needs differ from much of the Department of Defense and the Army, Teague said he thinks the success they have had during the pandemic shows the value of the programs.

“I would say certainly for administrative, education, training and maybe some other parts of the Army, what we’re demonstrating is that it can be done,” Teague said. “It can be done securely. It can be done robustly. That’s exactly the kind of feedback that we provide to our leadership at the Army level.”

Along with the transition to O365, West Point has switched to a new network called the WREN and doubled its network capacity to handle the usage of the new cloud-collaborative tools.
Setting up Coronavirus quarantine at West Point

The West Point Directorate of Public Works crews are hard at work preparing the old IHG Hotel on post to serve as a quarantine/isolation facility if there are any COVID-19 cases on West Point. The current risk level to the West Point community is moderate and there are two known COVID-19 cases at West Point. Although the current threat is moderate at the U.S. Military Academy, Keller Army Community Hospital and the West Point Garrison are prepared for any contingency. Photos courtesy of Dave Conrad/Garrison West Point PAO
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The new office set up has turned into the couch in the living room with our laptops warming our legs as the children run rampant throughout the house with the dog. Typical office background noise such as copy machines and phone chatter has been replaced by Baby Shark and Peppa Pig playing on the television. This is our life in quarantine. My husband, Tony, who works in the academy’s Visual Information department, and I didn’t anticipate returning from spring break just to spend another two weeks in our quarters at West Point.

After disembarking our cruise ship, our command informed us we would have to self-quarantine, which meant we could not leave our house and we had to practice safe social distancing with anyone we encountered. This measure was put in place as a response to the emerging public health emergency associated with COVID-19.

The timing couldn’t have been worse as families started their travels local and abroad as the virus continued to spread throughout the United States. At first, this seemed like a mild concern, then suddenly it was a pandemic.

Our transition into life at home was gradual as we took stock of what food and household items we would need for the next 14 days and begin to understand what our daily routine would look like.

We started our quarantine with a plan but quickly realized we would have to be adaptable and resilient because every day would be different.

Luckily, our oldest daughter was already pretty savvy in technology so the transition to online learning was effortless. Our biggest hurdle was checking in consistently to make sure she wasn’t watching YouTube videos instead of completing her actual schoolwork.

Our youngest daughter was just happy to be around us all the time. When she wasn’t enthralled in one of her favorite cartoons on television, she was in someone’s lap eating their food or engaging in a conversation of gibberish. These are the moments we will remember when we think back on where we were during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Since we couldn’t leave our house, we had to rely on a sponsor family to bring us food and supplies. We are normally very independent so in this instance we had to humble ourselves and ask for help.

When providing our list of food and supplies, we at first were very prudent so that we would not become a burden, but our sponsored family reminded us we would be in the house for 14 days. Our list quickly grew once reality set in.

Working from home was a bit of a struggle because we were no longer in the operational space at the office where we can hear things being said and come up with solutions quickly. We had to listen to briefings on Microsoft Teams from our laptops to stay abreast of the situation as we balanced taking care of our family.

If we find free time during the day, we work out in our living room by screen-casting one of our workout apps to the television. Sometimes our kids will join us in the exercise if it looked interesting enough.

As we look forward to coming out of quarantine, we are also addressing measures we need to have in place to transition us into our new normal. Schools, Child and Youth Services and Child Development Centers across the Army are closed indefinitely and in turn we will have to find alternative care if one of us must report to work.

With teleworking put into place, this eases the burden of having to look for childcare as this situation continues to develop.

We can’t help but feel we wish we could do more to contribute to the mission, but we realize this precaution to distance us from the public is put in place not only to keep us healthy, but those around us as well.
COVID-19: MWR facility and program updates

The following services remain OPEN (until further notice):
- Dog Parks—Please limit groups and cleanup after yourself.
- West Point Bowling Center—Open 11 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Monday through Sunday. Food delivery and pick up only.

The following services are closed or cancelled (until further notice):
- MWR Administrative Offices.
- Army Community Service—Recommend using MilitaryOneSource.mil.
- Arts & Crafts—Classes are cancelled. Virtual classes are available via the Arts & Crafts Facebook.
- Auto Skills.
- BOSS.
- CYS (All programs).
- MWR Fitness Center.
- Intramural Sports.
- Leisure Travel.
- Morgan Farm—Staff on-site to care for animals. All pet kenneling reservations cancelled through April 30.
- Outdoor Recreation—All reservations canceled through April 30.
- Special Events:
  - Brewfest 2020 (April 17) has been canceled.
  - Doggie Dash 3k/5k (April 18) postponed, new date TBD.
- Tronsrue Marksmanship Center—Closed, all classes are cancelled.
- West Point Club:
  - Dinner-To-Go is closed.
  - All events canceled through April 30.
  - All personal reservations canceled through April 30 (but is subject to change)
- West Point Golf Course.

Please check the MWR facebook page for updates as things progress at https://www.facebook.com/westpointfmwr.

West Point Tax Center closed and IRS extension

The West Point Tax Center is officially closed. However, the IRS has extended the federal income tax filing and payment deadlines.

In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, the IRS is automatically extending the federal income tax filing and payment deadlines until July 15. This extension applies to all taxpayers, including individuals, trusts and estates, corporations and other non-corporate tax filers as well as those who pay self-employment tax.

Taxpayers do not need to file any additional forms or call the IRS to qualify for this automatic federal tax filing and payment relief.

Please note, the extension does not apply to state income tax filings or payments. Check with your state of residence for state income tax filing and payment deadlines.

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19):
10 Tips for At-Home Quarantine or Self-Monitoring

If you have been directed to quarantine or self-monitor at home because of possible COVID-19 contact:

1. **Stay home** from work, school, and away from public places. If you must go out, avoid using public transportation, ridesharing, or taxis.

2. **Monitor for symptoms** and take your temperature twice daily. If you develop symptoms or a fever, then call your healthcare provider immediately.

3. **Get rest, stay hydrated, and exercise** if possible. If you are able to exercise, do so in your home or yard. Avoid the gym or other locations where you may come into contact with others.

4. **If you have a medical appointment, call the healthcare provider** ahead of time and tell them that you have been exposed to COVID-19.

5. **For medical emergencies, call 911 and notify the dispatch personnel** that you have been exposed to COVID-19.

6. **Take everyday actions** to prevent the spread of germs.
   - Clean your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
   - Cover your cough/sneeze.
   - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

7. **As much as possible, stay in a specific room and away from other people** and pets in your home. Use a separate bathroom, if available.

8. **Avoid sharing personal items** with other people in your household, like dishes, towels, and bedding.

9. **Clean all surfaces** that are touched often, like counters, tabletops, and doorknobs. Use household cleaning sprays or wipes according to the label instructions.

10. **Make the best of your time at home by teleworking** if you’re able or catching up on reading, exercising, or other hobbies.

For current COVID-19 information:
https://phc.amedd.army.mil/topics/diseases/Pages/2019-nCoVChina.aspx

The Military Health System Nurse Advice Line is available 24/7:
Call 1-800-874-2273 option #1
or visit https://www.health.mil/-/Am-A/Media/Media-Center/NAL-Day-at-a-glance

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West Point Coronavirus information updates

USMA PAO has launched the www.westpoint.edu/coronavirus page and released coordinated external messages on USMA Facebook and Twitter pages.

For more information, contact the West Point Public Affairs Office at paoinformation@westpoint.edu.
Army working to develop COVID-19 vaccines as force preps its response

By Devon Suits
Army News Service

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command and U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases are aiding in the development of five separate COVID-19 vaccines, Secretary of the Army Ryan D. McCarthy announced March 19.

In support of the federal government’s plan to combat the virus, the Army received an additional $900 million in funding to help prevent, detect and treat the disease, McCarthy said.

“We got to spend a few hours with extraordinary Americans who are at the forefront of this fight. We are giving them all the resources that they can try … to help knock down any roadblocks in their path,” McCarthy said about his visit to Fort Detrick, Maryland.

The Army is doing all it can to assist the global medical community as they work together to defeat COVID-19, Army Chief of Staff Gen. James McConville said. The force is also monitoring several dozen vaccine candidates that are currently under development by the public and private sectors.

“The heroes are in this fight. These scientists are working to find a vaccination … working to find the drugs for treatment … and are aggressively increasing the capacity of our testing capabilities,” McConville said.

During their visit to USAMRDC and USAMRIID, the Army’s top leaders witnessed the force’s ongoing effort to fight against the disease, McCarthy said. Army leaders also received an update on the first Soldier to come down with the virus in South Korea.

While McCarthy did not share the information about the Soldier’s current condition, he did indicate that the virus has put him and his family under a lot of stress.

Preventing the Fight

Currently, the National Guard is assisting the states as the active-duty force aligns its personnel and resources for when it is called upon to support, McConville said.

The Agency is prepared to provide Army medical support to civilian communities, McConville said.

Deployable Army medical units “were designed for combat-type operations … not designed for infectious diseases,” McConville said. Expeditionary military medical capabilities can help take some of the load off, “allowing the civilian hospitals to focus on the issue.”

Army leaders are also working to mitigate risk, McConville said. The majority of the Guard and Reserve’s medical personnel are already working in their communities to combat COVID-19.

“If we call them up, the Reserves, we may be taking them out of the very communities that we’re trying to help,” McConville said.

Along with the Army’s effort to support the medical field, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is currently working with four state governors, including the governor of New York, to develop alternative hospital facilities.

“We are offering these governors options,” McConville said. “We think the fastest way is to take hotels and dormitories that are available and re-scope them” into medical facilities.

Altering a pre-existing facility to support the Army’s mission is not uncommon, McConville said. During World War II, for example, the Army used the Greenbrier hotel in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, as a Soldier surgery and rehabilitation center.

“Large open tents are not the best place to put people with infectious diseases,” McConville said. “We are giving (the governors) some options that they can work with.”
Davis named CGA regular season All-American

Following an impressive campaign, sophomore Mathew Davis has been named a College Gymnastics Association All-American on floor exercise. Davis excelled on the floor this season, posting scores of above 14 on seven different occasions. In Army’s dual meet win against service academy rival Air Force, he posted a career-best 14.500 to lead Army to its first win over its rival since 2016. He becomes the first cadet to receive the honor from the CGA since Brian Lee was named an All-American on still rings in 2005. The Frisco, Texas, native followed his NCAA Individual Finals performance from 2019 with an accolade-filled 2020. He was recognized as Gymnast of the Week by the ECAC on three separate occasions. He set new career-highs on five different apparatuses throughout the course of the season. Davis and the Black Knights closed out the 2020 season on a high note, posting the program’s highest team score (408.650) since the NCAA scoring change in 2017.
Sullivan named football’s director of recruiting

By Army Athletic Communications

Army West Point football head coach Jeff Monken announced the addition of Mike Sullivan to his staff as the director of recruiting March 19. Sullivan, a 1989 U.S. Military Academy graduate, comes back to West Point after coaching in the NFL.

“Sullivan, a 1989 U.S. Military Academy graduate, comes back to West Point after coaching in the NFL. "We are thrilled to welcome Mike Sullivan back home to the banks of the Hudson and the Army Football Brotherhood," Monken said. "His wealth of knowledge of the academy and his wealth of experience in the NFL make him a premier addition to our team. He will be a great source of knowledge for our staff and players and will help us continue to raise the bar in our recruiting efforts and development of our players."

Sullivan most recently was the quarterbacks coach of the Denver Broncos and the offensive coordinator of the New York Giants, mentoring Pro Bowl Players Eli Manning and Odell Beckham Jr.

From 2012-14, Sullivan served as the offensive coordinator with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Under his guidance, the Buccaneers ranked ninth in total offense (2012) with 4,065 passing yards, 1,384 yards receiving and 1,454 rushing. While in Tampa Bay, Sullivan helped coach Vincent Jackson and Doug Martin to the Pro Bowl.

Sullivan’s first stint with the Giants was as the quarterbacks coach from 2010-12. During that time, he was a Superbowl Champion coaching Manning to the Super Bowl XLVI MVP. The team set a franchise record in completions (359) and passing yards (4,933). His team also set an NFL record for the most 4th-quarter touchdown passes with 15.

He also guided the Giants wide receivers and punt returners from 2004-09, winning Super Bowl XLII in 2007. “I’m thrilled to come back to my alma mater,” Sullivan said. “The academy has always been a very special place to me, and I’m both excited and grateful to rejoin Army football.”

Sullivan also coached for the Jacksonville Jaguars as the offensive assistant and defensive quality control coach.

His NCAA experience began as a graduate assistant at Humboldt State. He then returned to West Point as a part-time coach where he helped lead the Black Knights to the 1996 Independence Bowl after earning the Commander In Chief’s Trophy that same season.

Sullivan has other collegiate coaching experience at Youngstown State and Ohio University.

After graduating from the academy, Sullivan served as an infantry officer graduating from Ranger, Airborne and Air Assault schools. He was awarded the Expert Infantryman’s badge as well as the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster.

Sullivan is married to Julie with two children, Carmen and Hope. He and his family reside in Totowa, New Jersey. He has earned a purple belt in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu.
The Army West Point Athletic Association has officially announced the cancellation of all remaining athletic events for the 2019-20 season.

Due to the increased concerns around COVID-19, Army Athletics is in alignment with the NCAA and Patriot League decisions to immediately suspend all athletic activities for all teams.

“We all have the core instinct to fight and to compete, but it has reached the point where competing under the current conditions may bring us more harm than good,” Army West Point Athletic Director Mike Buddie said. “Our number one concern is the health and safety of our cadet-athletes, coaches, staff and their families. The decision to suspend all practices and competitions helps to promote social distances and has the potential to prevent the spread of the virus.

“While we are saddened that our Firsties’ careers have unexpectedly come to a close, we know that they will grow from these extraordinary circumstances and will become excellent leaders of character for the United States Army,” Buddie added.

Additional local information on the ‘Novel Coronavirus’ and preventative measures can be found on the West Point Garrison and Community and Keller Army Community Hospital pages.

Fans who have already purchased tickets for upcoming competitions will be refunded through the Army West Point Ticket Office. Refund credit transaction timing may vary by bank. A ticket office representative will be contacting all accounts that purchased tickets.

Please check back regularly for updates and recommendations.

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