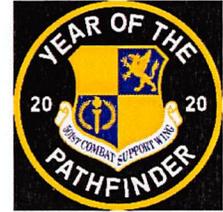




DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
501ST COMBAT SUPPORT WING (USAFE)



MEMORANDUM FOR 501 CSW ALL PERSONNEL

FROM: 501 CSW/CC

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Message to Airmen

As you know, our wing is responding to the growing impacts of the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) on our community. This is a serious issue, and we are treating it as such. However, I have full confidence in our team of professionals to respond as smartly and safely as possible. To help keep you informed in the midst of a lot of noise and speculation, below is some wing-specific guidance.

First and foremost, the health of our Pathfinder team—service members, civilians, mission partners, and family members—is my top priority. Our medical and public health professionals, in coordination with a myriad of other units and helping agencies across the wing, are doing what they do best and preparing for all possible scenarios in partnership with higher headquarters and our host nation partners in the United Kingdom and Norway. I encourage you to look to them first, and avoid spreading non-official information which can lead to rumors and increased stress within our community. We will continue to disseminate official, transparent and accurate information to the best of our ability, as soon as possible, through these official channels.

Included, you can find an infographic on how to best stay informed. We have also included an infographic that breaks down the most recent travel guidance for USAFE members.

I know this is a lot to adjust to, especially for those who had pre-planned travel, are in the process of a PCS move, or who may be asked to stay in their quarters. I can assure you that our team is working on plans to both protect our community, and continue our mission. Please also understand our guidance is evolving as the situation changes, but know that we will get updates to you as soon as possible. As we do so, I ask you to stay calm, work with your chain of command, and follow medical advice given to you.

I also ask for your feedback as we communicate. If there are any questions or concerns we are not answering, please raise them so we can get to work addressing them. The best ways to do this are through your chain of command, or by contacting our public affairs team.

As General Harrigian said, “We will take care of our people while we continue to accomplish the mission, in any environment, no matter how great the challenge.” Thank you for your patience, understanding, and continued commitment to our wing. We will get through this together, and we will continue to Light the Way!

KURT A. WENDT, Colonel, USAF
Commander

Attachments:
501 CSW COVID Infographic
Travel Guidance for USAFE members