



# NEW MEXICO MILITARY INSTITUTE

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### **NMMI COVID Situation Update: Plan to Go Forward**

We began the school year with the belief that Parents, and Cadets wanted an in-classroom educational experience. We worked diligently for four months to establish protocols that would allow us to accomplish that belief. We consulted medical professionals; we installed cameras that would allow perpetual screening for virus symptoms; we published and distributed our approach for all involved to read and provide input.

Even with all of these protocols, we have been unable to completely keep COVID positive cases from entering the Corps and staff at NMMI. But this is being seen from every institution across the US with in-person learning.

After meeting with a large contingent of staff and faculty, parents and medical advisers, to discuss the way forward for the rest of the semester, in order to mitigate further positive cases, **NMMI is mandating a 14-day quarantine for the entire Corps of Cadets effective from Monday 19 October, 2020 through Friday 30 October, 2020.**

During this time:

- Cadets from New Mexico will be allowed to return to their homes for quarantine, but they will be double tested upon returning to Post. If they are found to be positive for COVID, they will be isolated for 14 days. The cadets will bear any costs associated with the tests.
- During quarantine, all cadets will receive instruction from NMMI through distance delivery learning. Details of this will be forthcoming through individual faculty.
- NMMI will provide rapid testing for cadets with symptoms, no matter how slight. Infirmary staff will determine to apply a PCR test if rapid test is negative and cadet has any symptoms.
- For minors, parents will be notified by the infirmary if their cadet tests positive; all adult cadets must inform their parents of any positive results.
- Cadets who are currently positive or who are found to be positive with any subsequent testing will be kept in isolation.

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- During the quarantine period, all meals will be delivered to the corps at Hagerman or Saunders barracks. Once the quarantine period has ended and through the remainder of the semester via Bates grab-and-go.
- To help keep morale high and mental and physical health of cadets as a priority, PT exercises will be provided (with proper social distancing) by troop; in-room games have been provided by the parents club.
- The Commandant's office is evaluating the frequency of access to the mailroom, laundry and other services needed to ensure the cadet's needs are met.
- During the quarantine and after, all COVID protocols will be strictly enforced. Not adhering to protocols (adhering to quarantine, wearing masks properly, not sharing drinks, managing social distancing) will be subject to significant disciplinary outcomes, i.e. a 32/32; or a second occasion, a 64/64 and suspension if warranted.
- During the period of quarantine and through the rest of the semester,
  - No visitors will be allowed on post; parents will be limited to special considerations / emergencies only and must be supervised. If the cadet is to remain on post, the visit must adhere to the social distancing protocols.
  - Off-campus food delivery will be considered once we are through the quarantine period of two weeks. If there are significant 5+ isolation cases or quarantine 10+, no off-site food service will be allowed.

Please know that this quarantine is to the benefit of all cadets, staff and faculty at NMMI. We want to end the semester strong—and in person. It is our strong desire to have face-to-face instruction again next semester and with the cooperation of the Corps, our families and everyone at NMMI, we trust that this can happen.

Sincerely,

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