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TO: NMMI Constituents

FROM: MG Jerry W. Grizzle

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RE: Weekly Update – Week of November 16, 2020

As I mentioned last week, the documents that will govern our return to school protocols and actions are ready for distribution. The documents are listed below.

Spring 2021 Campus Plan and Protocols

Spring 2021 Matriculation Timeline

Spring 2021 Academic Calendar

Spring 2021 Commandant's Plan of the Day (Page 13 of Campus Plan and Protocols)

Spring 2021 Academic/Training Plan of the Day (Page 15 of Campus Plan and Protocols)

Spring 2021 Cadet Report Dates

To access these documents, go to our webpage at www.nmmi.edu. On the main page, click on the link that reads "Click Here for NMMI Updates for COVID-19." Once you click on the link, a white and powder blue screen populated with various links will appear. Please scroll down the screen and click the link that states, "Spring 2021 Re-Opening Documents."

The spring semester return to school plan centers on three principles, testing, single room isolation during testing, and close contact separation. The third factor is critical, and something we learned by experience during the first semester. We learned to place a person in isolation or quarantine when someone is identified as close contact or a potential positive based on symptoms, even while we wait on test results. Test results can take three to five days. By placing the individual into isolation, you eliminate their ability to have additional close contacts. If their test results come back positive, you have accomplished two things by going into immediate isolation. A person's isolation or quarantine period begins from the date of the test or the first symptoms. Thus, we have accounted for some number of their mandatory ten days in isolation. The time is not from the day the known results. Second, the CDC criteria will identify close contact individuals up to two days before the test sample. If they have been in isolation, you have limited or eliminated additional people that they might infect.

We have developed four key groups for the spring return dates for all cadets to allow for testing and single room protocol. Cadets are categorized within one of the four groups by their student identification number. We developed groups based on two factors. First, the number of cadets assigned to each group ensures that we will always have single rooms available for those in isolation after testing. Second, the groups were organized around the Athletic schedules, as we now know them. Please keep in mind the State, NJCAA, and the NMAA delayed all fall sports until the spring semester. If



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we are allowed to play sports, we will be juggling every High School sport, men's and women's, and every Junior College sport, men's and women's, in one semester.

The first arrival date is January 4, 2021. As stated above, the group assigned to this date are primarily all athletes with early January games. High School basketball has games on 9-10 January. Every member must arrive on January 4 to be tested, then two to three days of isolation. Once cleared, they will hopefully have two days of practice before their first game. The remaining three dates, January 7, 11, and 15, are equally critical that those assigned to those dates show up on those dates. I apologize for being repetitive. We balance the number of Cadet arrivals on each date with room availability. Every arrival has to be tested and placed in a single room, pending test results. Post-test results, we can start to make permanent room assignments.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry W. Grizzle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Jerry W. Grizzle, PhD

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