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TO: NMMI Constituents

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RE: Weekly Update – Week of November 2, 2020

Quarantine/testing update – We have all of the October 30<sup>th</sup> test results back from the NMDOH. We are waiting on four more that were taken on later dates. Of the almost 200 tests that were conducted, there were 11 positive results. All of those 11 have been in quarantine since Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, so now they are required 10 days of isolation from the date of their positive test. The isolation can be completed as soon as Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> pending a medical review of any symptoms. All other Cadets are back to the schedule that existed prior to the Corps quarantine.

Ring Ceremony – Unfortunately, we cannot have a ring dinner as has been the tradition in past years. We will have a ring ceremony in Pearson Auditorium on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 1900 (7:00 pm) for the cadets. We will host a live stream on the web.

Graduation Ceremony – A small graduation ceremony will be held on Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 0800 in the morning. The ceremony will be limited to the Graduate and two family members of friends. Limited staff VIPs will be present. As of now, there are only twelve graduates listed for November.

International Students/Parents – Please work with your TLA, coach or Cristhina Starke, Director of International Affairs, and insure they have a complete understanding of the arrangements for the semester break period. The campus housing/dinning will be closed from the close of business on Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> until January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Bus to Albuquerque – A bus will depart NMMI at 0600 on Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. Cadets/Parents will need to purchase tickets from Kings Highway website, [travelkingshighway.com](http://travelkingshighway.com). Bates Dining Hall will be open at 0430. A sack breakfast meal and a coffee bar will be open. There will be a shuttle provided by NMMI for those Cadets needing transportation to the Roswell Airport.

Bates Dining Hall – During this recent surge of positive COVID-19 results, when we were conducting close contact identification, the most common place that Cadets identified where their close contact with a positive individual occurred, was the Mess Hall. In recognition of this, the Regimental Commander has asked that all meals for the remainder of the semester be “grab and go” format to avoid the temptation of congregating at the tables.

Rooms - All rooms must be completely vacated for the semester break. Boxes will be provided for Cadets that need to store their personal belongings in the trunk rooms over the break. The barracks will undergo a complete deep cleaning, every room, during the break. This will also allow time for the Commandant’s staff to set up a dedicated area for quarantine/isolation rooms. Currently the intent is to



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take all rooms in Lima Troop and set them aside. Lima Troop will not be disbanded, they will be moved into rooms in Saunders Barracks and still fall out for formations and function as a Troop.

Second Semester Back to School Protocols – We are in the final stages of proofing our Second Semester Return to School Plan. We will finish and publish the following documents the week of November 16<sup>th</sup>:

1. Return to School Campus Plan and Protocols
2. Matriculation Timeline
3. Academic Calendar
4. Commandant's Plan of the Day for the Second Semester.

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