

TO: Faculty and Staff

FROM: MG Jerry W. Grizzle

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RE: Weekly Recap – Week of July 28, 2020

Let me start with an update on Cadet arrival and testing. We have now tested over 400 Cadets. Some of these were second tests. We have approximately 225 Cadets on Post. Some of those are the ECP Basic Camp Cadets who will not be staying with us after their camp is complete, but following our protocols, have been tested. Of the 400 tests conducted, we have had three (3) positives. Two were completely asymptomatic, one reported some coughing and sore throat but did not have a temperature.

All of our protocols regarding a positive test, contact tracing, etc., were, are and will continue to be followed. Those testing positive were immediately put in isolation. Anyone known to have interfaced with the individuals were put in quarantine. All of those that were put in quarantine due to contact, were retested on Tuesday, 28 July and all tested negative. They have been returned to the general population and resume daily screening and monitoring.

We have tested 265 of our employees. There was one positive test. The individual knew they had been exposed and had put themselves into self-isolation several days prior to the test. They came to Posts for the sole purpose of being tested. They were tested and immediately departed. The individual is continuing their isolation and will be retested after the 14 day period.

In summary, we have tested almost 700 individuals and had 4 positives. We have the following future test dates scheduled:

- 31 July - ~ 200 (Preps, Athletes and Band)
- 4 August - ~200 (Preps, Athletes and Band) (Second Test)
- 5 August - ~50 (New JC Cadets)
- 6 August - ~100 (1/2 of New HS Cadets)
- 7 August - ~100 (1/2 of New HS Cadets)
- 10 August - ~50 (New JC Cadets) (Second Test)
- 11 August - ~100 (1/2 of New HS Cadets) (Second Test)
- 12 August - ~100 (1/2 of New HS Cadets) (Second Test)
- 13 August - ~125 (Old Returning Cadets)
- 17 August - ~125 (Old Returning Cadets) (Second Test)

A reminder that our objective is to create a “clean environment” the NBA calls it a bubble. Once all Cadets have arrived and been tested twice and entered the daily screening and monitoring phase, the Post will be closed. No Cadets will be allowed to leave unless for medical appointments in Roswell or to

attend weekend drill for our National Guard and Army Reserve members. No outside visitors will be allowed on Post unless they have specific business. They will need to call for an appointment, report to a screening location be screened, escorted to the location they need to go to conduct their business, escorted back to the screening station where they arrived and then required to leave.

COMMANDANT:

A new eight (8) period, plan of the day, has been developed to accommodate all of the required protocols (social distancing and masks) to be followed. The plan is as follows:

ACTIVITY	START TIME	END TIME
Reveille/Personal Hygiene/ Room Prep	0600	0620
Toles Learning Resource Center Opens	0630	
BRC	0630	0735
Period 1 Class	0745	0835
Period 2 Class	0845	0935
Period 3 Class	0945	1035
Period 4 Class	1045	1135
Noon Formation (Junior College)	1145	
DRC # 1 (JC march to Bates)	1155	1245
Period 5 Class	1145	1235
Noon Formation (High School)	1245	
DRC # 2 (HS march to Bates)	1255	1345
Period 6 Class	1255	1345
Period 7 Class	1355	1445
Period 8 Class	1455	1545
SRC	1800	1850
Night Study Hall	1900	2130
4 th Meal (Grab and Go)	2130	
Personal Time	2200	2230
TAPS	2230	
Commandant Time (Tuesday and Wednesday)	1840	1930

At every meeting with the Cadets the message must be reinforced:

PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING, WEAR YOUR MASK, WASH YOUR HANDS --- OR GO HOME

ACADEMICS:

We are in the final stages of preparing our documentation for submission to the Higher Learning Commission for the accreditation visit. Regents and Staff are reviewing our Assurance Argument. To assist the visit and meet the requirements of the overall accreditation, we need to schedule two video conference or Zoom conferences;

Parents – We need to schedule a time the week of 8 September for a conference with the HLC team.

Alumni – Our monthly call we take place on 8 September to accommodate this requirement.

FACILITIES:

The Contractor for Cahoon reports that they still believe they can meet the December deadline. This is especially critical now that all fall sports have been moved to the spring. We will need every available athletic location to accommodate all sports in one semester. Work continues on the basement of JRT/VMV/Hinkle. The bowling alley and the old barber shop are completely demolished. The new barber shop location is essentially finished but for Matriculation, we have set the barbers up outside in a large tent to accommodate social distancing. We have decided to delay the start of the renovation of the Sinks (Latrines) until the semester break and the summer of 2021. It would be impossible to have work of that magnitude going on in the middle of the Barracks with Cadets here. Work on the energy performance continues. The majority of all lighting modifications have been made. Work has started on replacing boilers and chillers. Godfrey Athletic was the first to have the boiler replaced.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:

We have been approved by FEMA for recovery of COVID-19 related expenses. We will make application for the expenses incurred to date.

Accounts Receivable is down to \$62,000. Thank you to those who have taken care of their account. To those who have not, please contact the Business Office to pay the balance or make other financial arrangements.

All families are asked to contact your Financial Advisor prior to Matriculation. Our intent is to have all forms completed and signed, electronically, prior to arrival to avoid any face-to-face meetings unless absolutely necessary.

ATHLETICS:

High School – NMAA has determined that there will be no sports until after September 28th. Cross Country, Golf and volleyball will start October 5th. The challenge for us will be that many play-offs and championship games will extend into dates after Thanksgiving in the fall and May or June in the spring.

Junior College – All sports moved to the spring except Girls Cross Country. The same challenge exists as with High School. Some of the play-offs and championship games would be in late May or early June.

The National Championship game for football is scheduled for June 3rd. Nice problem to have if Coach Forchtner gets us there, we will support him and the team.

ALUMNI:

We received approval from the State of New Mexico for our Picnic License to support the General's Cup. We know we can support the playing portion of the tournament and abide by all restrictions in place now regarding, social distancing, masks, etc. Right now we do not believe we can hold the large gathering events, Friday night at Quarters One, shotgun starts, etc. However, we have a plan and we are off and running on the planning and execution to conduct the tournament. September 18-20.

We still have some Alumni events on the calendar as place holders:

Oklahoma City September 4th – Kansas City September 5th

San Antonio October 2nd – Austin October 3rd

Houston November 14th

Homecoming is still on the schedule but only as a place holder. If we have to postpone Homecoming, we will reschedule in the spring when we can combine it with a football game.

Next Alumni call will be August 18th at 1800.

ADMISSIONS:

All things considered, the numbers are holding strong. As of today, we have 407 Junior College Cadets on the books and 445 high School Cadets, a total of 852. Our internal algorithm where we predict head count still has a higher number when you include pending files still being worked. Key is to get them here!!

ADMINISTRATION:

This is a personal plea from me to all supporting parties to NMMI success. We must adhere to our published back to school plan. We spent over an hour on a Zoom conference with representatives of the Governor's office briefing our plan. Our plan is sound and it works. It has been in effect since July 19th when the ECP Cadets arrived. We have had positive tests, isolation and quarantine since July 19th. We followed our plan and it works. The Service Academies are experiencing a 1% positive rate of those tested. We have tested approximately 700 individuals with only four positives. That is a 0.57% rate. With 800 Cadets expected and 320 Staff and Faculty, a 1% rate would indicate we could have a total of 11 test positive or 7 more. Don't be alarmed, we have anticipated that and have planned for it. Our plan covers all of these possibilities and the capability to respond.

We still need every party involved to participate and help. Adhere to our signs, our guidelines, and our protocols. If you see someone without their mask, talk to them. If you see individuals not practicing social distancing, tell them to separate. We cannot be bashful, we must be diligent, in adhering to and enforcing our plan.

USE COMMON SENSE, PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING, WEAR A MASK, AND WASH YOUR HANDS.

Thank you for your support in this truly unprecedented time.