

To: Staff and Faculty

From: MG Jerry W. Grizzle

Re: Weekly Recap – Week of July 21, 2020

Date: 23 July 2020

This week's recap format will be somewhat different than the past. This week all of our internal meetings have focused on a continual review of our Return to School Plan and any changes that need to be made based on changing information or finally receiving information that converts an unknown to a known.

We began the first meeting with three changes that have come about due to changing circumstances or simply our need to modify our plan to better care for the health and safety of our Cadets, Staff and Faculty.

Masks – Masks will now be worn by all Cadets, Staff and Faculty, when they are in a mutual tenant building, e.g. classroom buildings, library, and mess hall. This change will be implemented immediately and will stay in place until external restrictions are amended. Passing outside, participation in Corps activities, will be under the guidance and direction of the Commandant and may be different than the protocols required inside a building.

Cadet Meals – The mess hall has been reconfigured to accommodate approximately 400 at a time, practicing social distancing. The number of Cadets entering and leaving the mess hall will be monitored to ensure compliance. We have the ability to set up our big tents, adjacent to the mess hall, if additional feeding capacity is necessary. Extended meal hours and grab and go options for Cadets will also be available.

Staff and Faculty Feeding and Support Services– Staff and Faculty that would like to purchase a “grab and go” meal and return to their office or classroom, will be allowed to do so. The Sodexo Staff will prepare the meals and take them to the PX for distribution. Faculty members will be required to notify the Sodexo Staff on a daily basis if they intend to purchase a meal. Other support services such as the Barber Shop, PX and Chapel will not be available for utilization by Staff and Faculty. The Godfrey Athletic Center will remain open under the protocols and restrictions in the current Health Order from the State of New Mexico. Any employee desiring to use the facility, must call the front desk and make an appointment to workout. Workout periods are restricted to one hour per visitor.

Testing – We had the proverbial monkey wrench thrown into our testing plans. When we met with Pathology Consultants Laboratory (PCL), approximately two weeks ago, we were told they could test up to 1,000 a day and turn the results around in 24 hours. We were also told there was no cost to the individual. The Federal Government had mandated to every insurance company in the United States that they would pay for the test. We also told that no medical authorization was required. Late of Friday, the 17th, we were told by PCL that the number of test kits they had available was rationed by Federal and State guidelines. In other words, they could not guarantee us they would have enough tests kits to meet our basic testing requirements. We were also told that the Federal Government had modified their insurance directive and now would not pay for “surveillance screening.” The only tests

the government would require insurance companies to pay for is one that has been ordered by a medical professional.

So, our current plan is as follows. NMMI will pay for the first test, approximately \$100 per individual, for all Cadets, Faculty and Staff. After the first test, everyone will begin our daily, and in some cases, perpetual monitoring and screening. I use the term perpetual because anyone that walks in front of one of the FLIR cameras will be screened. If any individual breaks the string by leaving the State, they will be required to take another test, at their expense, and bring the results to NMMI. If the results are negative, they will be allowed to begin the continuous monitoring and screening process again.

Our new protocol for anyone that does not pass the screening tests be as follows: If they are singled out by the FLIR camera, they will be taken to a Seek and Scan device for a second screening. If they receive a "red light" from the Seek/Scan device, they will report to the Infirmary. The Infirmary then will write a medical request for the actual test to be conducted, which will then be covered by the individual's insurance.

NMMI will conduct the initial in large group quantities. We tested the first group of Faculty and Staff on July 10th. 265 were tested and all tested negative. Our next large group will be the ECP Cadets and the Cadre. The next large group will be Athletes, Band and Academy Preps. All remaining Staff and Faculty will be tested on August 11th and the final group of Cadets, Old Cadets, will be tested on August 13th. All Staff, Faculty and Cadets will be tested and the results known before they will be allowed to enter the classroom on August 17th.

The next portion of our internal meetings have focused on a calendar review to insure everyone is aware of the status of every event. Here is a recap of where we are:

July:

19 – ECP Arrives

22/23 – Cadre Arrives

28/29 – Athletes Arrive

30/31 – Academy Prep and Band arrives

August:

3 – My talk to athletes will be moved to Pearson to accommodate social distancing

5 – JC Matriculation during the day and Parent Orientation in Pearson at 1900, for High School Students with the first letter of their last name beginning with A-M

6 – A-M High School Matriculation during the day, Dean and Commandant workshop in the afternoon, second Parent Orientation in Pearson at 1900, for High School Students with the first letter of their last name beginning with N-Z.

7 – N-Z High School matriculation during the day, Dean and Commandant workshop in the afternoon

13 – Faculty Breakfast will be cancelled

17 – Convocation will be cancelled

17 – Back to School Reception for Faculty and Staff will be cancelled

20 – Fall Awards Ceremony will remain as a place holder in hopes we get relief on large gathering

29 – 21 Day Celebration will be closed to outsiders, no Parents or Families

September:

18/19/20 – General's Cup will remain on the schedule, the Friday and Saturday events will be cancelled

25/26/27 – Parents weekend will stay on the Calendar as planned at this point

October:

14/17 – Homecoming will stay on the Calendar as planned at this point.

The Deans Back to School Reception for the Faculty has been cancelled.

The Squadron Cookouts will stay on the schedule. If the current restrictions are in place, the tour of Quarters One will not occur but the outdoor cookout remains a possibility.

Departmental Information:

SROTC – 50 Cadets arrived and are participating in Basic Camp. Approximately half of the Cadets are in the NMMI ECP program, the remainder are from ROTC schools all over the United States. Our second year Cadets are at Advanced Camp hosted by Valley Forge Military Academy. This is a great test run for our back to school plan. The CP Cadets and the camp are operating under our back to school plan. I have asked the PMS to conduct periodic AAR's with his staff to compare their actual performance under the plan and provide us any constructive changes that need to be made.

FACILITIES – No change from last report

CFO/HR – No change from last report

ATHLETICS – No change from last report

COMMANDANT – No change from last report.

NMMI Train # 2021 left the station on July 19th. No problems reported so far in this journey.

Thanks again for the support.

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