

TO: Staff and Faculty

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Re: Weekly Recap

Let me start with a thank you to all who participated in our web event last Thursday. We had tremendous response from old and new, Parents and Cadets. Over 200 were on the call the entire time and over 850 "Play backs" occurred. I also want to thank those who contacted me, or a member of the Staff, directly to get clarification on issues or asked questions that came up after the event ended.

One of the apparently confusing issues was the variation in response to testing, screening, quarantine, etc., if one fly's versus if one drives. Let me attempt to simplify this and at the same time provide greater clarity on exactly what will happen upon arrival.

As it relates to Cadets:

1. NMMI is taking the position that it doesn't matter if you fly or drive the process upon arrival will be the same.
2. Upon arrival a Cadet will be tested. We have found a local Pathology Lab that will test. They have assured us that the volume of Cadets is not an issue and that they can turn the results around in 24 hours. The test is a nasal swab but the swab is only inserted approximately an inch into the nasal cavity, not the traditional deep entry that an influenza test requires.
3. Every Cadet, even if they test negative, will be screened for fourteen days following their arrival. This highlights my point during the event that we will have multiple groups at different stages of the fourteen day monitoring process based on when they arrive.
4. During the fourteen days, the Cadets will be free to move around and participate in all activities. We may or may not require Cadets to wear a mask (if required, NMMI will provide), and/or participate in social distancing.
5. Any Cadet that tests positive, yet remain "A-symptomatic" will be removed from the general population and isolated into an NMMI Medical Room until cleared by a Medical Professional. If classroom instruction has started, any Cadet in isolation will be required to attend classes online.
6. Any Cadet that tests positive and exhibit conditions or symptoms that require greater support will be under the prevue of the NMMI Medical Staff and the New Mexico Department of Health.

As it relates to Parents during Matriculation:

1. Parents arriving with their Cadet will be screened.
2. If a parent, relative or legal guardian show symptoms (fever, erratic pulse or oxygen levels) during the screening process, they will be asked to leave the campus.
3. Only two parents, relatives or legal guardians will be allowed to participate in the matriculation process with their Cadet.

4. Parents, relatives or legal guardians may be asked to wear a mask, or participate in social distancing.
5. As soon as the matriculation process is complete, the parent, relative or legal guardian will be required to leave the campus.

As it relates to Visitor during the semester:

1. All visitors will be required to report to one of the designated screening locations.
2. Visitors will be screened for temperature, pulse and oxygen levels, as well as respond to a series of questions regarding their health and possible exposure to COVID-19.
3. Once screened and found able to enter the campus, the visitor will be directed to location they desire to go.
4. Visitors may be required to wear a mask and or participate in social distancing.

Additional Considerations:

Forward Looking Infra-Red (FLIR): We are investigating the purchase of cameras/monitors that utilized FLIR to determine if a person potentially has a fever. No physical testing is required, the individual simply walks past the camera and it records their heat image. An individual with a body temperature above normal would be singled out by the camera for additional testing. We would purchase at least two of these units. One would go in Hagerman Sally Port and one would go in Saunders Sally Port. The Corps could be evaluated every time they marched through either Sally Port. Actually, any person that walked or marched through either Sally Port would be evaluated. The estimated cost for each device would be \$4,500.

The second monitoring device is a machine that tests body temperature by facial image. Seek Scan focuses a laser at the tear duct glands, located between the eyebrows. It can immediately detect a temperature. The difference between this device and FLIR is that an individual actually has to stand in front of the device for a few seconds for it to focus the laser and take a reading. Based on the reading, the device registers either a green light or a red light. We are looking at purchasing seven (7) devices and places them a key strategic locations around the Post. The estimated cost per machine is \$2,200.

The third device is an actual testing system. The individual is tested and results are determined in 30-40 minutes. This device is currently being used by one of the Physicians advising us on our overall protocols. While the cost of the device is very reasonable, the test kit is \$50 per test.

ACADEMICS:

The training was conducted for Faculty and Staff by ENMU-R in how to conduct online education. The training consisted of three four hour sessions, conducted over a three day period. Each period had a defined agenda. The first day's topic was Best Practices. The second day was Student Involvement and the third day was Assessment. We had an average 15 NMMI employees participate each day. One thing the ENMU-R online program has is a criteria that the online student must have a back-up plan for their online classes. For example, a second computer or a second location they can go to if they are having Internet troubles. We now have a group here who can teach the other members of our Faculty and Staff that are involved in online education.

COMMANDANT:

The Commandant's staff are continuing to focus on the development of the classes and methodology for an online Certificate in Leadership from NMMI. The Letter of Instruction (LOI) for Matriculation has radically changed from past years. It is out for review by all departments. The deadline for input is this week, so that we can get it in distribution for action.

FINANCIAL/HUMAN RESOURCES:

We have a number of personnel vacancies that are on hold pending the start of the semester and the Cadet load that we have. We are still gathering resumes and developing a pool of applicants.

FACILITIES:

The Contractor for Cahoon reports the lumber he had ordered finally made it here from Washington State. They poured of 100 yards of concrete in the basement of Cahoon on Monday, June 8. We need final drawings on the latrines from the Architect before we can put it out for bid. In JRT, VMV, we are moving the barber shop up out of the basement into the area where Cadet Counseling used to be. You will enter from the Northeast corner of the building as if you were going into JRT or up to the PX and the barber shop will be just to your right. The bowling alley renovation is scheduled to begin in July. Our Energy Performance Contractor continues to replace lights, fixtures, bulbs, controls all across campus. Their sub-contractor that will replace boilers and chillers is due on Post in the next few weeks to begin an assessment of what needs to be done and develop and overall plan to replace the boilers and chillers. The newest boiler we have on the campus is 40 years old.

ATHLETICS:

Nothing to update here. We are still waiting on guidance from the NMAA for high school and the NJCAA for junior college.

SROTC:

We will have approximately 40 ECP Cadets come here for Basic Camp. Our MS-4's will report directly to Pennsylvania for a combined Senior Camp with Valley Forge. The PMS, LTC Aaron Johnson will be releasing a detailed LOI to all ECP Cadet's coordinating their travel, activities, report dates, etc.

Thanks again to all for your support.

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