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JBSA Teammates,

The City of San Antonio recently identified its first case of COVID-19 and declared a Public Health Emergency. For this reason, and coupled with the latest guidance from Department of Health and Human Services, Center for Disease Control and Prevention as well as latest DoD policy guidance, I am increasing the JBSA Health Protection Condition (HPCON) from ALPHA to BRAVO. BRAVO indicates heightened or exposure risk to the community.

Further, in accordance with DoD Instruction (DoDI) 6200.03, “Public Health Emergency Management (PHEM) Within the DoD,” and AFI 10-2519, “Public Health Emergencies and Incidents of Public Health Concern,” I am following suit with the City of San Antonio and declaring a Public Health Emergency for JBSA.

To assist units with operational posturing, a more detailed Commander Directive will be forthcoming from the JBSA Crisis Action Team (CAT) that will be more descriptive about specific measures being taken under BRAVO. For expediency and from a broader perspective some specific actions are listed below:

**Religious Services:** Effective immediately all JBSA religious services and religious education classes for this weekend are canceled. Chapels are not closed; however, we are preventing large gatherings in the chapel community in order to prevent the potential spread of COVID-19.

**Installation Services Activities:** Currently, there are no other curtailments of services (DFACs, CDCs, Fitness Centers, Clubs, etc.). That said, our staff and patrons should continue to self-monitor and exercise all previously recommended measures of hygiene, social distancing, etc.

This situation is fluid and fast moving, and I thank you for your patience and flexibility across the JBSA community. As things change and information becomes available, we will provide guidance as quickly as possible. In an effort to flatten communications, I ask everyone to closely monitor the JBSA.mil webpage dedicated to COVID-19:

<https://www.jbsa.mil/Information/CDC-Novel-Coronavirus-Response-Support/>.

Thank you for your support.

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