



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
AIR EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMAND**

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MEMORANDUM FOR 82d TRAINING WING

FROM: 82 TRW/CC

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Response – Restriction of Movement for Airmen In Training

1. The Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) continues to be a global challenge. The World Health Organization has declared this disease a worldwide pandemic, and related declarations of disaster have been made at the national, state and local levels.
2. The Secretary of Defense, Air Force Chief of Staff and the Air Education and Training Command Commander have established clear priorities and our local priorities directly align. First, we will take care of our personnel and families; and second, we will accomplish our vital missions in support of our national defense priorities. We will do this while supporting our local community.
3. Technical training and flying training have been identified as mission-essential activities by our Air Force, Major Command and Numbered Air Force leadership. Sheppard Air Force Base has a unique role in both of these core missions, and plays a pivotal role in building a more lethal force. As the largest technical training wing in the Air Force accounting for 44 percent of all technical training, the 82d Training Wing is essential to our national defense.
4. In order to preserve our ability to continue pipeline training, ensure mission effectiveness, and maintain the health and safety of our trainees, I hereby direct restriction of movement for all 82d Training Wing Airmen in Training (AiT) to Sheppard Air Force Base proper and the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Annex. This will remain in effect until further notice. While all Airmen are critical to our missions, the dense living and working conditions make this directive necessary. Failure to observe this order is punishable under article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.
5. I do not take this decision lightly and fully understand the challenges it presents, including close quarters for our AiT population, the potential for rapid spread if a COVID-19 infection occurs, and the potential impact to the morale and well-being of these Airmen.
6. I am counting on military and civilian leaders at every level – commanders, superintendents, first sergeants, supervisors, instructors, Military Training Leaders – to take all necessary measures to balance continuation of mission with force health protection. Whenever possible, enforce social distancing measures, limit group and class sizes, direct hand washing/sanitizing, and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects frequently. Engage immediately if individuals display symptoms such as cough, sore throat, fever, runny nose, and difficulty breathing; separate and isolate the individual and contact our Medical Team directly via the chain of command.

7. Your wing, group and squadron leaders are well aware of the difficult balance we are asking you to strike between continued training and force health protection. We welcome your thoughts, ideas and solutions as we face this challenge together.

8. We have an invisible enemy that is determined to stop our way of life and we have to treat it as such. It is incumbent upon us to take bold, decisive and creative steps to continue Sheppard's core missions while also taking all possible measures to protect our people.

9. I have full confidence in our team. Our mission is to Fly, Fight and Win! We must take care of each other first and foremost. If we do that correctly, we then are able to accomplish our vital missions. We are the world's greatest Air Force, and together we will prevail as we stop the spread of COVID-19. Let's continue to make Excellence our Standard!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kenyon K. Bell', written in a cursive style.

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