



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

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PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ORDER 1

TITLE: Authorized and Prohibited Activities for Service Members Assigned or Attached to Sheppard Air Force Base During the Public Health Emergency

PURPOSE: To identify and regulate conduct that is prejudicial to the good order and discipline, health, safety, and mission effectiveness of Sheppard Air Force Base during the Public Health Emergency.

AUTHORITY: Sections 243, 248, 249 and 264-272 of Title 42, Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.); 42 C.F.R. Parts 70 and 71; Title 5, United States Code (U.S.C.) § 301; 5 U.S.C. § 7106; 10 U.S.C. §§ 877-934; 10 U.S.C. § 2672; 10 U.S.C. § 9013; 18 U.S.C. § 797; 50 U.S.C. § 797; Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 6200.03, *Public Health Emergency Management (PHEM) Within the DoD*, March 28, 2019; Air Force Instruction (AFI) 10-2519, *Public Health Emergencies and Incidents of Public Health Concern*, 10 December 2019; Sheppard Air Force Base Public Health Emergency Declaration, 27 March 2020

APPLICABILITY: This Public Health Emergency Order (hereinafter, Order) applies to all U.S. Armed Forces (as defined in 10 U.S.C. § 101) and International students and military personnel assigned or attached to Sheppard Air Force Base. The definition of the term "Service members" as used in this Order is a member of the U.S. Armed Forces to include members of the National Guard or Reserve Component. "Airmen-in-Training" are defined as Service members with no prior military service assigned or attached to Sheppard Air Force Base for initial skills training. "Initial skills training" is defined as a formal school pipeline, comprised of one or more courses, that results in the award of the 3-skill level in an Air Force specialty (or service equivalent). Prior service students are students attached to Sheppard Air Force Base in a temporary duty status for training purposes. "Permanent party Service members" refers to all Service members and International students and military personnel who have permanent change of station orders to Sheppard Air Force Base. The term "DoD civilians" includes DoD employees (as defined by 5 U.S.C. § 2105) and contractor personnel.

1. STATEMENT OF MILITARY PURPOSE AND NECESSITY: The Public Health Emergency resulting from the impact of COVID-19 has created the necessity to protect DoD installations, property, and other assets, as well as Service members assigned or attached to Sheppard Air Force Base. Adhering to restrictions upon such activities is essential to ensure mission accomplishment and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of members of the United States and partner nations. In addition, the Public Health Emergency makes it prudent to restrict certain activities to maintain good order and discipline and ensure optimal force readiness.

2. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES:

a. Airmen-in-Training:

(1) Airmen-in-Training are restricted to the confines of Sheppard Air Force Base and the Sheppard Air Force Base Explosive Ordinance Disposal Annex.

(2) Airmen-in-Training will continue to adhere to all applicable Phase requirements.

(3) Airmen-in-Training when marching in formation will remain at double arm interval spacing.

(4) Small marching units will be no larger than 25 Airmen-in-Training.

(5) Airmen-in-Training are authorized to use the Pitsenbarger Fitness Center only unless otherwise stated at a future date. Fitness center patrons shall clean all exercise equipment prior to and after use.

b. All Airmen-in-Training, Prior Service Students and Permanent Party Service Members:

(1) Shall adhere to orders and directives of Public Health.

(2) Shall adhere to public health restrictions located within the fitness center(s). No person shall be permitted to remove barriers, signs, tape, rope, or any other object used to prevent use of fitness equipment or to limit access to areas in the fitness centers.

(3) Shall wash their hands or use hand sanitizer upon entering the Installation dining facilities.

(4) Shall adhere to physical distancing requirements. Physical distancing is defined as remaining out of congregate settings, avoiding mass gatherings, and maintaining distance (approximately 6 feet or two meters) from others when possible. Congregations are defined as groups larger than 10 people. Congregate settings include, but are not limited to: the dining facility, the Solid Rock Café, day rooms, food courts, gymnasiums, family housing at Freedom Estates and on Sheppard Air Force Base proper, etc. Mass gatherings that are essential to the safe, efficient and effective execution of our core training missions, as determined by the unit commander, will continue with mitigation efforts.

c. Isolation and Quarantine:

(1) Airmen-in-Training, Prior Service Students and Permanent Party Service Members shall be placed into quarantine if they have been in close contact with a person medically determined to most likely have COVID-19, lived in, or have recently traveled through or from a

Level 2 or Level 3 country, or from an area identified as a hot spot, and have no symptoms. Hot spots are identified on the following website: https://usaf.dps.mil/sites/aetc-hq-a36/COVID-19_OneSource/SitePages/Home.aspx. All personnel are required to adhere to the orders, directives, guidelines, and restrictions issued by Public Health.

(2) If directed by a provider or Public Health to isolate or quarantine, Airmen-in-Training, Prior Service Students and Permanent Party Service Members shall remain in assigned quarters as directed by their chain of command. All personnel subject to quarantine or isolation shall not put themselves in physical proximity or contact with any persons except as specified in the notice of quarantine and/or isolation.

(3) No person may, without authorization from Public Health or the unit commander, enter a quarantine location. No person may, without authorization from Public Health or unit commander, enter an isolation location. If someone enters a quarantined or isolation location without authority or warning, the person in quarantine or isolation shall notify the chain of command and Public Health immediately.

(4) Unless authorized by Public Health or the unit commander, Airmen-in-Training, Prior Service Students and Permanent Party Service Members shall not come within six feet of any person who has been recommended or directed into quarantine. Unless authorized by Public Health, personnel shall not come within six feet of any person who has been recommended or directed into isolation.

(5) Submission to vaccination, treatment, or diagnostic testing may be a requirement to return to work or gain access to Sheppard Air Force base or as a condition of exemption or release from restriction of movement to prevent transmitting COVID-19 and to protect public health and safety.

d. Resale of Merchandise: This Order prohibits the selling, bartering, or exchanging of any retail merchandise purchased at the Base Exchange, Commissary, or any online retailer.

e. Local Travel: Local travel of Prior Service Students and Permanent Party Service Members assigned or attached to Sheppard Air Force Base is restricted to: (1) travel from domicile to the installation and back; (2) travel to perform essential tasks (i.e., gas, groceries, and child care) and back. If there are questions about whether a task is essential, consult your commander; and (3) travel to receive medical or hospital care and back. Personnel are authorized to purchase groceries and seek medical care on the way to and from the installation. Social/physical distancing will be maintained while performing any of the tasks listed above.

f. Travel Outside the Local Area: The local area is defined as a 60-mile radius surrounding Sheppard Air Force Base. Unofficial or personal travel, whether on leave or during non-duty hours, is not authorized beyond these limits without approval by the appropriate Wing Commander or equivalent. Exceptions that may warrant such approval include mission-essential

travel, humanitarian or hardship considerations. These requests must flow through the chain of command for approval. Medical treatment as directed by the Primary Care Manager, that is non-elective, is authorized for military and families but must be coordinated with the squadron commander. Unless sooner rescinded, these restrictions shall remain in effective until 11 May 2020 or until the Public Health Emergency has abated, whichever is later. It is highly encouraged that dependents adhere to these travel restrictions. If dependents travel to areas that pose a health concern or otherwise pose a risk to the health and safety of Sheppard Air Force Base personnel, both you and your dependents may have restrictions imposed on your movement around the installation or even be temporarily denied access to the installation. The amount of time an individual's movement may be restricted or access may be denied will depend on the factual circumstances and the recommendation of the medical community.

3. **PUNITIVE ORDER:** Paragraph 2 of this Order is punitive. Persons violating this Order are subject to appropriate administrative, non-judicial, or judicial action. The intent of this Order is not to preempt already enumerated Uniformed Code of Military Justice offenses. If a court or higher authority supersedes or determines a provision within this Order is legally unenforceable or insufficient, the unaffected portions of this Order will remain enforceable. International students and military members may be subject to appropriate administrative, non-judicial, or judicial actions in accordance with their host nation governing directives.

4. **CIVILIAN PERSONNEL:**

a. I have issued an order to all Sheppard Air Force Base active duty, reservists, and National Guard personnel on Title 10 regarding local and non-local travel, as discussed in paragraphs 2.e and 2.f above. I highly encourage all civilian personnel to adopt these same measures with regard to minimizing stops between your place of work here at Sheppard Air Force Base and your residence to those of necessity. Moreover, you are highly encouraged to stay within a 60-mile radius of Sheppard Air Force Base, unless it is to reach your residence. If you travel to areas that pose a health concern or you otherwise pose a risk to the health and safety of all Sheppard Air Force Base, you may temporarily be denied access to the installation. The amount of time you are denied access will depend on the circumstances and/or the recommendation of the medical community.

b. If you are denied access to Sheppard Air Force Base and are able/authorized telework, it is likely you will be expected to telework. If you are denied installation access and are unable/unwilling to telework, coordinate with your supervisor to determine what type of leave is authorized in your circumstance according to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense's memorandum dated 8 March 2020. Please note, Safety and Weather Leave is determined by circumstance, and the supervisor should contact the Civilian Personnel Office for guidance.

c. Following the above measures is the best way for each of you to assist in protecting the health and safety of all Sheppard Air Force Base personnel, their families and our local community, maintain mission readiness, and assure our training and medical missions are met.

These recommended measures are not intended to preclude attendance at religious worship services, nor intended to preclude physical training so long as there is a minimum of six feet of physical spacing between participants and there are no gatherings over ten people.

5. CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL:

a. I have issued an order to all Sheppard Air Force Base active duty, reservists, and National Guard personnel on Title 10 regarding local and non-local travel, as discussed in paragraphs 2.e and 2.f above. As a key part of the Sheppard Air Force Base community, I strongly encourage all contractors to direct their employees working on Sheppard Air Force Base to adopt these same measures, minimizing your footprint both on Sheppard Air Force Base and in the local community. Moreover, you are highly encouraged to stay within a 60-mile radius of Sheppard Air Force Base, if possible.

b. Contractors with current access to Sheppard Air Force Base who travel to areas that pose a health concern and or individuals who otherwise pose a risk to the health and safety of Sheppard Air Force Base personnel, may have restrictions imposed on their movement around the installation or even be temporarily denied access to the installation. The amount of time an individual's movement may be restricted or access may be denied will depend on the factual circumstances and the recommendation of the medical community.

c. Many of Sheppard Air Force Base's military and civilian personnel are currently teleworking to increase social/physical-distancing and reduce the risk of contamination. Sheppard Air Force Base contractors are encouraged to coordinate with the responsible Contracting Officer to discuss similar options within the bounds of their contract.

d. Following the above measures is the best way for each of us to protect the health and safety of all Sheppard Air Force Base personnel, their families and our local community, help maintain mission readiness, and assure our training and medical missions are met. Please join me and our total force in following these common sense rules so we can limit the spread of COVID-19 and ensure mission success.

6. INDIVIDUAL DUTY: Personnel subject to this Order have the individual responsibility to know and understand the prohibitions contained herein.

7. LEADER RESPONSIBILITY: This Order charges all commanders, senior leaders, senior national representatives, directors, training leaders, instructors, and supervisors to brief ALL PERSONNEL on the prohibitions and requirements of this Order.

8. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Order is effective immediately.

9. **EXPIRATION:** This Order will expire when the Public Health Emergency is over or when rescinded by the Sheppard Air Force Base Installation Commander or higher authority.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenyon K. Bell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kenyon" and last name "Bell" clearly distinguishable.

KENYON K. BELL, Colonel, USAF
Installation Commander