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January 30, 2025

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Sent via email: [foia@americanoversight.org](mailto:foia@americanoversight.org)

Dear Ms. Lewis:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated January 11, 2021. Your matter is now in litigation in *American Oversight v. DOD, et al.*, 21-cv-624 (D.D.C.).

Your January 11, 2021, FOIA request is for all responsive records from December 31, 2020, through January 7, 2021:

1. All communications (including emails, email attachments, complete email chains, text messages (or messages on similar applications such as Signal or WhatsApp) and calendar invitations) sent or received by the officials listed below regarding events at the U.S. Capitol, U.S. National Mall, or surrounding grounds in Washington D.C. on January 6, 2021, including but not limited to the potential or actual deployment of law enforcement officers and/or National Guard troops, requests for assistance from members of Congress or Congressional staff, protests or armed activity at the Capitol, President Trump's rally, or concerns about security.
2. All orders, directives, protocols, or guidance prepared, written, approved, or signed by the officials listed below, regarding events at the U.S. Capitol, U.S. National Mall, or surrounding grounds in Washington D.C. on January 6, 2021, including but not limited to the potential or actual deployment of law enforcement officers and/or National Guard troops, requests for assistance from members of Congress or Congressional staff, protests or armed activity at the Capitol, President Trump's rally, or concerns about security.

Our search yielded the attached responsive records. These records are part of a continuous rolling release over the course of the litigation. This release consists of 16 pages. We have redacted material under Exemptions (b)(5) and (b)(6).

**Exemption 5 of the FOIA 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5)**

Exemption 5 protects "inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency." 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5). Courts have interpreted Exemption 5 to encompass the privileges recognized by statute or case law in the civil discovery context. See *U.S. v. Weber Aircraft Corp.*, 465 U.S. 792, 800 (1984); *FTC v. Grolier Inc.*, 462 U.S. 19, 26 (1983) at 26, *NLRB v. Sears, Roebuck & Co.*, 421 U.S. 132, 149 (1975). In this case,

the applicable privilege that serve as bases for citing Exemption 5 is the Deliberative Process Privilege and Attorney-Client Privilege.

### Deliberative Process Privilege

Exemption 5 of the FOIA which protects from disclosure “interagency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party. . . in litigation with the agency”: 5 U.S.C. Section 552(b)(5)(1994). Exemption 5 includes the “Deliberative Process Privilege,” which protects from release agency records that disclose the agency’s decision-making process. *NLRB V. Sears, Roebuck & Co.*, 421 U.S. 132, 95 S.Ct. 1504, 44 LEd.2d. 29 (1975) and *Jordan v. Department of Justice*, 591 F.2d 75.3 (D.C. Cir. 1978) (en banc). In this case, the document you requested contains specific recommendations and frank opinions. As such, it forms part of the “give-and-take” between agency officials involved in the decision-making process. These recommendations and opinions do not necessarily represent the views of the Department of the Army. Release of such pre-decisional and deliberative exchanges would chill the open communication between Federal employees as they would fear that their developing thoughts and opinions would be shared with the public. Accordingly, this information is exempt from release under the deliberative process privilege of exemption (b)(5) of the FOIA.

### Attorney-Client Privilege

The attorney-client privilege protects “confidential communications between an attorney and his client relating to a legal matter for which the client has sought professional advice.” *Mead Data Central, Inc. v. Dept. of the Air Force*, 566 F.2d 242, 252 (D.C. Cir. 1977). Additionally, the privilege protects communications containing purely factual information divulged by a client to the attorney and any opinions given by an attorney to his client based upon those facts.” *Electronic Privacy Info. Ctr., v. Dept. of Homeland Security*, 384 F. Supp. 2d 100, 114 (D.D.C. 2005).

### **Exemption 6 of the FOIA 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)**

Exemption (b)(6) of the FOIA protects from mandatory disclosure “personnel and medical files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy.” 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) (2011). To qualify for protection under Exemption (b)(6), records must meet two criteria: (1) they must be “personnel and medical files and similar files,” (2) the disclosure of which “would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.” *Id.*; *United States Dep’t of State v. Washington Post Co.*, 456 U.S. 595, 599-603 (1982). The first prong is met if the information “appl[ies] to a particular individual” and is “personal” in nature. *New York Times Co. v. NASA*, 852 F.2d 602, 606 (D.C. Cir. 1988). The second prong requires courts to strike a “balance between the protection of an individual’s right to privacy and the preservation of the public’s right to government information.” *United States Dep’t of State v. Washington*

Post Co., 456 U.S. 595, 599 (1982). The “public interest” in the analysis is limited to the “core purpose” for which Congress enacted the FOIA: to “shed . . . light on an agency’s performance of its statutory duties.” *United States Dep’t of Justice v. Reporters Comm. for Freedom of the Press*, 489 U.S. 749, 773 (1989).

We are withholding telephone numbers and other contact information for all Army personnel (e.g., e-mail addresses, telephone-line numbers) and third-party information under Exemption 6. 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). See *Judicial Watch, Inc. v. United States*, No. 03-1160, 2004 WL 26736, at \*4 (4th Cir. Jan. 6, 2004). Under the Exemption (b)(6) balancing test, the Supreme Court held in a similar case that disclosure of employee addresses “would not appreciably further the citizens’ right to be informed about what their Government is up to and, indeed, would reveal little or nothing about the employing agencies or their activities.” *United States Dep’t of Defense v. Fed. Labor Relations Auth.*, 510 U.S. 487 (1994). The same is true here regarding telephone numbers. Disclosure of the names, contact, and personal information of government employees would contribute little to the public’s understanding of government activities. By contrast, such disclosure would constitute a “non-trivial” and “not insubstantial” invasion of government employees’ privacy interests. *Id.* at 500, 501.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or the information furnished, please contact Lee Reeves at (202) 616-0773 or [Lee.Reeves2@usdoj.gov](mailto:Lee.Reeves2@usdoj.gov).

Sincerely,

*Paul V. DeAgostino*

Paul V. DeAgostino  
Senior Counsel

# RE: FYSA: "Hogan: Federal approval to send National Guard during Capitol attack delayed" (WTOP)

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**Date:** Thu, 07 Jan 2021 23:00:45 +0000

Sir,  
So that we are all on the same page, can you please explain specifically what section you have a concern with? I don't want to guess.

**From:** Hoffman, Jonathan R SES OSD OSD (USA) <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 7, 2021 5:56 PM  
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Hogan: Federal approval to send National Guard during Capitol attack delayed  
WTOP News | Rick Massimo

Gov. Larry Hogan on Thursday said that he tried to send troops from the Maryland National Guard to restore peace at the U.S. Capitol during the attack by supporters of President Donald Trump, but was "repeatedly denied approval to do so" for about an hour and a half.

The Republican governor also called for Trump to resign or be removed from office for his role in encouraging "an attack on the rule of law."

At a news conference Thursday afternoon, Hogan said he heard of the attack while on a conference call with the Japanese ambassador to the U.S. and switched into an emergency security meeting with the leaders of the Maryland National Guard, state police and other authorities.

He told Maryland State Police Superintendent Jerry Jones to mobilize 200 state troopers, and told National Guard Maj. Gen. Tim Gowen to get the Guard ready.

Hogan said he then got a call from House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, of Maryland, who said that he, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer were in an undisclosed location, that the Capitol Police were overwhelmed and there was "no federal law enforcement presence." Hogan said they were "pleading with me" for a response, and he told them help was on the way.

The governor said he told the Congressional leaders he was “ready, willing and able” to send the National Guard to the Capitol. But because D.C. is not allowed to call up the Guard themselves, he needed approval from the Acting Secretary of Defense Christopher Miller to do so.

“We were repeatedly denied approval to do so,” Hogan said. “We had a little back-and-forth trying to get that authorization.”

About an hour and a half later, Army Secretary Ryan McCarthy called Hogan — who said he didn’t recognize the number on his phone but answered anyway — and gave them the authority.

The governor said he didn’t speak directly to the secretary of defense, but that Gowen was “repeatedly told by the National Guard at the national level that we did not have authorization.”

“We’re running it up the flagpole — don’t have authorization, don’t have authorization,” Hogan said.

He said the approval from McCarthy was “not the regular channels,” adding, “I’m not privy to what was going on inside the White House or inside the Pentagon.”

Hogan added that even with the delay, Maryland’s was the first National Guard deployment to arrive at the U.S. Capitol.

The governor added that about 6,000 Guard troops from five states would be in D.C. through the inauguration Jan. 20.

Resignation or removal

As a growing number of officials from both parties are talking about removing Trump from office, Hogan said he agreed.

“There’s no question that America would be better off if the president would resign or be removed from office,” Hogan said.

While some are calling for impeachment and some for removal via the 25th Amendment to the Constitution, Hogan said, “The details ... how that should happen, I don’t know.”

Hogan said it was “somewhat fitting” that the event was being held at the Maryland State House. “It was right here that the peaceful transfer of power was born,” Hogan said.

Gen. George Washington surrendered power over the Army “right here — right there in the old Senate chamber,” he said, pointing. It was “unprecedented ... but it secured our future as a democratic republic. ...

“Over the last two months, this sacred tradition has come under attack from our own president,” Hogan said, adding that Trump had sown the seeds of Wednesday’s attack with “lies and conspiracy theories.”

“It’s clear to me that President Trump has abandoned his sacred oath,” Hogan said.

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## Re: DoD Restrictions on DC Guard

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Same here.

<https://twitter.com/brynstole/status/1347243333396041729?s=21>

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**Subject:** Fwd: DoD Restrictions on DC Guard

Need Army to weigh in on this.

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**From:** "Sonne, Paul" [REDACTED] B6  
**Date:** Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 1:25:48 PM  
**To:** "Hoffman, Jonathan R SES OSD OSD (USA)" [REDACTED] B6  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] DoD Restrictions on DC Guard

Hey Jonathan,

We understand the Pentagon placed significant restrictions on the DC Guard ahead of the planned protests this week -- outlining them in a memo from Miller to McCarthy and a memo from McCarthy to Walker.

As far as I understand, under DC Code, the DC Guard commanding general has the latitude to act and defend the city when there is a riot, but some of that inherent authority to act was withheld by McCarthy on instructions from Miller ahead of Wednesday's events, in large part due to what happened last June.

As a result, when the Capitol Police -- who to be clear hadn't sent any requests for Guard presence ahead of Wednesday's events -- made an emergency request for backup from Guardsmen yesterday afternoon, the request required more approvals than usual, delaying the ability of the QRF to get to the scene.

We're planning on publishing this soon - would value comment or thoughts: B6 Thanks!

Paul

**RE: Day 345 Update - HQDA COVID-19 CAT, 05 JAN 21 (UNCLASSIFIED)**

**From:** "McPherson, James E HON USARMY HQDA SECARMY (USA)" [B6]  
**To:** "Krueger, Mary V BG USARMY HQDA OTSG (USA)" [B6]  
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**To:** McPherson, James E HON USARMY HQDA SECARMY (USA) [B6]  
**Subject:** RE: Day 345 Update - HQDA COVID-19 CAT, 05 JAN 21 (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Jim,

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The market principle leaders do appear dedicated to the construct.... But how can they say another 1900 personnel, none of whom are healthcare delivery, are required to stand up these markets for efficiency? Had I not lived the experience in Hawaii of taking a proposed market structure of ~130 and whittling it down to 5, while consolidating talent, solving issues of internal competition and de-synchronization, I wouldn't believe so strongly that the market structure serves only to perpetuate bloated overhead and beurocracy.

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Cheers!  
Mary

Mary V. Krueger  
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Mary,

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Jim

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**Subject:** RE: Day 345 Update - HQDA COVID-19 CAT, 05 JAN 21 (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Good morning Jim,

**B6**

Prayers this morning for the SMMAC, where DHA Director is letting the Service SGs know the play DHA is making for Service personnel and funds.  
An additional 1900 personnel not to deliver any healthcare but to become part of the beurocracy of the market system.  
The only purpose I can see in that is making the MIL system so unwieldy the military has to go CIV.

**B6**

Cheers!  
Mary

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**From:** McPherson, James E HON USARMY HQDA SECARMY (USA) **B6**

**Sent:** Thursday, January 7, 2021 6:51 AM

**To:** Krueger, Mary V BG USARMY HQDA OTSG (USA) **B6**

**Subject:** RE: Day 345 Update - HQDA COVID-19 CAT, 05 JAN 21 (UNCLASSIFIED)

Good Morning Mary,

**B6**

Jim

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**From:** Krueger, Mary V BG USARMY HQDA OTSG (USA) **B6**

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 6, 2021 1:43 PM

**To:** McPherson, James E HON USARMY HQDA SECARMY (USA) **B6**

**Subject:** RE: Day 345 Update - HQDA COVID-19 CAT, 05 JAN 21 (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Good afternoon, Jim,

**B6**

My "you can't make this up" data point came this morning when I learned that DHA needs a minimum of 1900 MORE personnel to man the markets to run the MTFs. Will anyone be left to deliver healthcare? Or is this the approach to make military medicine so unwieldy that all care needs to go to the "network"? AF Surgeon General promptly penned a memo saying that AF supports DHA in standing up their markets through filling any funded (read authorized) positions. There are zero authorized positions for markets.

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Cheers!  
Mary

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**Subject:** RE: Day 345 Update - HQDA COVID-19 CAT, 05 JAN 21 (UNCLASSIFIED)

Good Afternoon Mary,

**B6**

I understand in some European Union countries, they work a three day workweek – Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. That's where I want to be born!

Have a great afternoon.....

Almost forgot.....strong indications and warnings that OSD is on the cusp of directing all active duty personnel receive an annual behavioral health assessment.....those appointments will soon be years in the making!

Jim

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**From:** Krueger, Mary V BG USARMY HQDA OTSG (USA) **B6**

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 6, 2021 9:09 AM

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Good morning, Jim!

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Cheers!  
Mary

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**To:** Krueger, Mary V BG USARMY HQDA OTSG (USA) [B6]  
**Subject:** RE: Day 345 Update - HQDA COVID-19 CAT, 05 JAN 21 (UNCLASSIFIED)

Good Morning Mary,

And Welcome Back! Candidly, I think you "fudged" by arranging the mandatory two weeks of leave during the holidays.....I will be watching closely this summer to ensure you execute both the intent and spirit of the Vice Chief's directions!

And.....I would love for our breakfast to extend into the lunch hour! Looking forward to catching-up....

Have a great day!

Jim

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Jim,  
Good evening.  
I can only imagine!  
I return to work tomorrow so look forward to plugging back in and getting caught up.

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Is Friday's breakfast 2 hours or 3 hours??  
Cheers!  
Mary

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Zesty days!

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Mr. Secretary and Chief,

### **Day 345 Update – HQDA COVID-19 CAT**

As of 05 1500 JAN 20

#### **BLUF:**

- On 03 JAN, the CDC provided an update on two reported variants of SARS-CoV-2. The first, originally identified in the UK, has likely circulated there since SEP 20 and has been detected in numerous countries around the world, including the US and Canada. The second, first identified in South Africa, has circulated there since OCT 20 and cases attributed to this variant have been detected outside of South Africa. Currently, there is no evidence indicating that either variant causes more severe illness or an increased risk of death. (Link at end of update)
- As of 04 JAN, HHS reported increases in the 7-day average of new COVID-19 cases, deaths, and hospitalizations. The US has seen a 9% increase in the 7-day average of new cases (205,209), a 17% increase in the 7-day average of new deaths (2,621), and a 2.8% increase in the 7-day average of COVID-19 hospitalizations. The national positivity rate is 13.7%. In the past 7 days, 89% of commercial lab tests were completed within 3 days and 90% were completed within 5 days.

#### **Current Operations:**

##### **JFLCC / ARNORTH:**

- JFLCC priorities are providing support to ND, WI, CA, the Navajo Nation and setting conditions for operations in CA (phase 2), AZ, and NM.
- North Dakota (EOM 06 JAN):
- Medical mission supported by USAF Medical Specialty Teams.
- Wisconsin (EOM 14 JAN):
- 45 providers (28x UAMTF 531 & 17x UAMTF MEDCOM) working shifts in four hospitals: Marshfield Hospital (20), Beaver Dam Hospital (14), Rice Lake Hospital (3), and Eau Claire Hospital (8).
- California (EOM 29 JAN):
- 60th MED Group/COVID Theater Hospital-1 (CTH-1) conducting steady state operations in Fresno, Lodi, Stockton, and Colton.
- Wave 1: CTH-1/UAMTF 627 medical providers LAD and JRSOI on 05-06 JAN respectively at Travis AFB.
- Wave 2: UAMTF 627 and Nellis AFB medical providers LAD and JRSOI on 07-08 JAN respectively in Los Angeles.
- Navajo Nation (EOM 19 JAN):
- TF West conducting steady-state operations in Chinle, AZ and Shiprock, NM while setting conditions for UAMTF 328-1 medical providers (LAD and JRSOI scheduled for 05-06 JAN).
- Remainder of UAMTFs (UAMTF-528 HC, 627 HC(-), 531 HC(-), and MEDCOM (-)) on 5-day Prepare to Deploy Order (PTDO).

##### **TJFLCC / USARPAC:**

- The Governor of Guam extended the public health emergency until 29 JAN.

#### **USACE:**

- o 89 USACE personnel employed supporting Engineer Planning and Assessments for Alternate Care Facilities (ACF).
- o USACE is conducting facility assessments of hospitals in and around Los Angeles at the State of California's request. California has not requested any additional construction of ACFs.
- o ACFs are complete and turned over to their respective states.
- o 3 Open Mission Assignments / 68 Closed Mission Assignments valued at \$1.8B.

**ARNG:**

All states and territories (except OR) are supporting COVID-19 response.

- o Total Army National Guard ISO COVID-19 response: 17,379 (-102).
- o 15,993 are in a 502(f) duty status.
- o Dual Status Commander (DSC): 2 Active (ND, WI).
- o 7,248 Service Members vaccinated across 32 states: AK (15); AZ (1,280); CA (604); CT (275); DE (5); FL (188); GU (30); HI (136); IL (6); IN (1,073); KS (20); LA (20); MA (20); MI (300); MN (300); MS (108); NC (12); ND (29); NV (70); NY (975); OH (207); PA (30); PR (381); RI (210); SC (190); TN (25); TX (65); VA (58); VT (60); WA (280); WI (196); WV (80).

**USAR:**

- o Total Army Reserve ISO COVID-19 response: 668.
- o The USAR built three UAMTFs, SDOB approved and awaiting mission assignment (MA) with a 14-day prepare to deploy order (PTDO): 332-2 and 338-2 under 3 MCDS; 349-1 under 807 MCDS.
- o USAR has currently deployed one UAMTF (328-1) in support of COVID-19 operations to NM and AZ.
- o USAR deployed six Soldiers in support of Operation Warp Speed at Atlanta's CDC; primary focus is coordinating and planning of vaccine distribution within various FEMA regions.
- o USAR currently has three headquarters units (4th ESC, 377 TSC, and 807 MCDS) deployed to provide command and control of USAR units mobilized in support of COVID-19 through 29 MAR 21.
- o USAR currently has four history DETs mobilized in support of COVID-19 through 29 MAR 21.
- o USAR has five Religious Support Teams (RST) mobilized in support of COVID-19 operations: 2x RSTs deployed to ND, 1x RST deployed to WI, 2x RSTs at home station awaiting mission assignment from ARNORTH.

**MRDC Summary: (Update on Fridays Only)**

**Total Cases (As of 05 0630 JAN 20):**

Global	Confirmed	Previous	24-Hr Delta	US	Confirmed	Previous	24-Hr Delta
Confirmed Cases	85,774,568	84,669,507	1,105,061	Confirmed Cases	20,824,387	20,430,797	393,590
Deaths	1,855,675	1,837,566	18,109	Deaths	353,628	350,214	3,414
Countries w/ cases	191	191	0	States w/ cases	50	50	0

As reported by Johns Hopkins University 0630 daily

**Travel Advisories:**

- o CDC is providing country-specific COVID-19 Travel Health Notices (Avoid Non-Essential Travel) (link at end of update).
- o DOS advises all US citizens to read country-specific Travel Advisories for updates on the impact of COVID-19 worldwide.

**Interagency Coordination:**

- o Force Health Protection Guidance (Supplement #1) – Rescinded 29 DEC; see Supplement #14.
- o Force Health Protection Guidance (Supplement #2) – Department of Defense Guidance for Military Installation Commanders' Risk-Based Measured Responses to the Novel Coronavirus Outbreak; released 25 FEB.
- o Force Health Protection Guidance (Supplement #3) – Rescinded 08 APR; see Supplement #7.
- o Force Health Protection Guidance (Supplement #4) – Rescinded 06 AUG; see Supplement #12.
- o Force Health Protection Guidance (Supplement #5) – Department of Defense Guidance for Movement and Medical Treatment of COVID-19 Patients, Symptomatic Persons under Investigation,

- or Potentially Exposed COVID-19 Persons; released 07 APR.
- o Force Health Protection Guidance (Supplement #6) – Rescinded 11 JUN; see Supplement #10.
- o Force Health Protection Guidance (Supplement #7) – Department of Defense Guidance for the Use of Cloth Face Coverings, Personal Protective Equipment, and Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions during the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic; released 08 APR.
- o Force Health Protection Guidance (Supplement #8) – Department of Defense Guidance for Protecting Personnel in Workplaces during the Response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic; released 13 APR.
- o Force Health Protection Guidance (Supplement #9) – Department of Defense Guidance for Deployment and Redeployment of Individuals and Units during the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic; released 26 MAY.
- o Force Health Protection Guidance (Supplement #10) – Rescinded 24 AUG; see Supplement #13.
- o Force Health Protection Guidance (Supplement #11) – Department of Defense Guidance for Coronavirus Disease 2019 Surveillance and Screening with Testing; released 11 JUN.
- o Force Health Protection Guidance (Supplement #12) – Rescinded 29 DEC; see Supplement #14.
- o Force Health Protection Guidance (Supplement #13) – Department of Defense Guidance for Coronavirus Disease 2019 Clinical Laboratory Diagnostic Testing Services; released 24 AUG.
- o Force Health Protection Guidance (Supplement #14) – Department of Defense Guidance for Personnel Traveling During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic; released 29 DEC.

### HQDA Crisis Action Team COVID-19 Update and Repository Link:

HQDA Coronavirus (COVID-19) Portal Page:

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HQDA Daily Coronavirus Updates:

[https://g357.army.pentagon.mil/od/ODO/ArmyOpCenter/CAWG/CAT/SitePages/Coronavirus%20\(COVID-19\).aspx?](https://g357.army.pentagon.mil/od/ODO/ArmyOpCenter/CAWG/CAT/SitePages/Coronavirus%20(COVID-19).aspx?RootFolder=%2Fod%2FODO%2FArmyOpCenter%2FCAWG%2FCAT%2FCoronavirus%5F2020%5FRFI%5FDocs%2FHQDA%20CAT%20Update&FolderCTID=0x012000660D1FD02A74C542A2E6CC88F4422EE8&View=%7B0CF64114%2D01AE%2D46D5%2D8705%2D968E89160E97%7D)

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Army Public Health Center 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Page:

<https://phc.amedd.army.mil/topics/campaigns/covid19/Pages/default.aspx>

P&R Memorandum on Accrued Leave:

<https://media.defense.gov/2020/Apr/16/2002282672/-1/-1/1/SPECIAL-LEAVE-ACCRUAL.PDF>

The President's Coronavirus Guidelines for Opening Up America Again:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/openingamerica/>

Aligning Federal Agency Operations with the National Guidelines for Opening Up America Again:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/M-20-23.pdf>

CDC Coronavirus (COVID-19) Homepage:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

CDC Coronavirus Guidance Documents:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/guidance-list.html?Sort=Date%3A%3Adesc>

CDC Travel Health Notices:

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/>

EPA List of Approved COVID-19 Disinfectants:

<https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>

United Nations Policy Brief: COVID-19 and the Need for Action on Mental Health:

[https://www.un.org/sites/un2.un.org/files/un\\_policy\\_brief-covid\\_and\\_mental\\_health\\_final.pdf](https://www.un.org/sites/un2.un.org/files/un_policy_brief-covid_and_mental_health_final.pdf)

DHS Science and Technology Natural Decay Calculator:

<https://www.dhs.gov/science-and-technology/sars-calculator>

FEMA COVID-19 Pandemic Operational Guidance for 2020 Hurricane Season:

<https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/188203>

USACE Recreation Services Status:  
<https://corpslakes.erdcdren.mil/visitors/status.cfm>

DOD Operation Warp Speed:  
<https://www.defense.gov/Explore/Spotlight/Coronavirus/Operation-Warp-Speed/>

CDC – Emerging SARS-CoV-2 Variants:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/more/science-and-research/scientific-brief-emerging-variants.html>

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