

DoD COVID-19 UPDATE

April 17, 2020

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Key Developments: Nearly 56,000 DoD personnel supporting COVID relief

- **U.S. Northern Command** is responsible for DoD's active-duty operations in response to COVID-19 with almost 15,000 people deployed, including over 4,000 medical personnel, in support of response operations.
 - **New York City** – DoD continues pursuit of the three-pronged effort in New York City with the high end capability provided by the USNS Comfort, large capacity of the Javits Center, and medical professionals augmenting local hospitals. Two Army Urban Augmentation Medical Task Forces (UAMTF) will be moving to support Lincoln and Jacobi hospitals today.
 - DoD is ensuring other hotspots around our country are receiving the support they need.
 - **New Jersey** – One Army UAMTFs is supporting the Edison Exposition Center, another is at Newark University Hospital, and a third is expected to operate out of the Atlantic City Convention Center next week.
 - **Stamford, CT** – The UAMTF at the Bennett Medical Center is treating patients.
 - **Boston, MA** – One UAMTF is operational at the Boston Convention and Exposition Center (BCEC). Another UAMTF deploys to Hanscom AFB today with a follow on to BCEC.
 - **Pennsylvania** – One UAMTF arrived with support going to East Stroudsburg and Philadelphia.
 - **Detroit, MI** – The UAMTF at the TCF Center is treating patients.
 - **Louisiana** – The Navy Expeditionary Medical Facility (EMF) detachment at the Ernest M. Morial Convention Center is treating patients as well as providing support at Mid-City Hospital in Baton Rouge.



Hospitalman Mark Canlas, from Hayward, Calif., treats a patient in an intensive care unit aboard the hospital ship USNS Mercy April 16 in Los Angeles. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Ryan M. Breeden)

- **National Guard**

- 33,000 National Guard professionals are supporting COVID-19 response at the direction of their governors. State priorities are focused on supporting community-based testing sites, creating additional medical capacity, and providing logistical support to include transportation and distribution of medical supplies and food.
 - Texas National Guard members have helped manufacture more than 2 million pieces of Personal Protective Equipment, tested nearly 6,000 people, and distributed more than 2,500 commodities of medical supplies, food, and cleaning products.
 - The New York National Guard has 3,580 personnel on mission across the state supporting 10 drive-thru testing sites, packaging and delivering meals, assembling test kits, delivering Personal Protective Equipment, manning call centers, and supporting the dignified removal of human remains as needed.
 - More than 230 Kentucky National Guard Airmen and Soldiers spent four days turning a fairground exhibit hall into an alternate care facility, ready to accept 288 patients if needed.
 - The Michigan National Guard assisted in transforming a 350,000-square-foot section of Detroit's TCF Center into a 970-bed hospital, augmenting Detroit's regional health care system with tailored treatment for COVID-19 patients.
 - West Virginia National Guard members are sanitizing more than 250 emergency services vehicles, ambulances and police vehicles using an innovative mobile sanitation system that releases a dry fog to kill harmful spores, viruses and bacteria.

- **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**

- USACE is executing 50 FEMA Mission Assignments totaling \$1.7 billion, with 15,000 personnel engaged and 1,901 deployed in support of COVID-19 response operations. USACE has assessed over 1,099 sites for possible use as Alternate Care Facilities (ACF) and is currently constructing 28 ACFs to add 15,873 beds to states and cities with critical bed shortages, with another 7 facilities pending contract award for an additional 883 beds.
- USACE is also beginning a pilot program to install six Containerized Medical Solution units (retrofitted storage pods to serve as ICUs or nursing stations) at the United Medical Center (UMC) in Washington, D.C. UMC expects to be at 125 percent of capacity at the height of the COVID-19 patient curve.

DoD News

- [Truth, Accuracy Part of Democratic Value System, EUCOM Commander Says](#)
- [DOD Paved Way for Internet, Now So Crucial in Helping to Fight COVID-19](#)
- [NORTHCOM Issues Smartphones to Health Care Providers Helping in New York](#)
- [Army Leaders Provide Update on COVID-19](#)
- [Air Mobility Command Battle Staff Directs Around-the-Clock COVID Fight Support](#)

DoD Cumulative Totals, 0500, April 17, 2020

Today's COVID-19 Media Fact Sheet has been updated to reflect the cumulative to date COVID-19 DoD totals. The Joint Staff Crisis Management Team reports these cumulative totals to DoD leadership daily at 5 a.m. We believe this data more accurately reflects the effects of COVID-19 to our force. We strive to release information as quickly and accurately as possible. The Department of Defense will continue to refine our reporting to the public.

	Cumulative Cases	Cumulative Hospitalized	Cumulative Recovered	Cumulative Deaths
Military	2,986 (+99)	88 (+3)*	669 (+68)	2
Civilian	837 (+20)	69 (+3)	180 (+17)	9
Dependent	675 (+22)	24	161 (+5)	3
Contractor	351 (+15)	44	49 (+11)	5
Total	4,849 (+156)	225 (+6)	1,059 (+101)	19

*44 service members are currently hospitalized for COVID-19

Cases	USA	USAF	USMC	USN	NGB	DoD Agencies
Military	726 (+11)	328 (+11)	236 (+7)	1,017 (+34)	609 (+36)	70

Today's Events

- 1230 Press Brief: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Lieutenant General Todd T. Semonite
- 1400 Press Brief: Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Mr. Matthew P. Donovan