

A MESSAGE FROM CAPT JAY VANN: CGA COVID-19 response 20 April Update

CGA,

A number of items as we start another week:

- Wednesday's Leadership Transparency Panel will be focused on 3/c and 4/c and be delivered via "Teams." Commandant of Cadets Division will be forwarding info to intended audiences in a separate email. The next expected LiveStream LTP will be Wednesday, 29Apr at 1200. Details will be sent out by early next week.

- See the recent AWS message from DCMS-DPR. Here are the basics that EVERYONE must complete:

ACTION REQUIRED BY ALL MEMBERS BY 1600 EDT, Friday, 24 APRIL. All members must login to CGPAAS to update their status in accordance with the reporting requirements below. If unable to login to CGPAAS via Common Access Card (CAC), access the site from any computer or mobile device via username/password. If you have questions or login issues contact YNCS Breverman or YN1 Felmy. YNCS/YN1 will update status for those members unable to do so. Coast Guard active duty and reserve personnel on active duty orders shall report personal and work statuses. Coast Guard civilian personnel shall report work status and are encouraged but not required to report personal status. Reserve personnel in a drilling status are encouraged to report personal status. Dependent status reporting is not required.

THERE IS A USER GUIDE to assist you with this located at:

https://www.uscg.mil/Portals/0/COVID-19/COVID-19CGPAAS_userguide.pdf

STEPS

- 1) Navigate to CGPAAS site at <https://cgpaas.uscg.mil>. If using a mobile device you MUST access the non-mobile version of CGPAAS. Chrome is the preferred browser.
- 2) Select the Coast Guard Military, Civilians, and Active Duty Dependents login (left side).
- 3) Login using either CAC or username/password.
- 4) Click the "My Info" Tab.
- 5) Select "COVID-19" from the left menu.
- 6) Review Personnel and Work status definitions prior to reporting by clicking the red "Help" button. Click "Update" on the right side of the screen and choose the appropriate status from the dropdown.
- 7) The system will prompt you if additional information is needed. Speak to YNCS Breverman or YN1 Felmy, or see the CGPAAS user guide for further guidance.
- 8) Report any CGPAAS issues to YNCS or YN1.

- SEE ALCOAST 144/20 for updated guidance on CLOTH FACE COVERINGS. For initial implementation, homemade or personally-procured cloth face coverings are necessary for personnel until government provided face coverings can be procured and delivered. DOL has initiated a large procurement of face coverings and has been granted expedited priority for the consolidated CG-wide order from DLA. However, due to uncertainty in supply chains, estimated delivery dates remain uncertain. The CDC recommends cloth face coverings be made from using 2 pieces of cotton, roughly the thickness of an average tee shirt. Additional guidance for the types of materials to use for making your own DIY cloth face covering are here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>.

Face coverings must be conservative, professional, and in keeping with dignity and respect for the service and its total workforce.

Rank insignia and USCG markings are not authorized on face coverings.

- Now that many of us are interacting and communicating in virtual spaces it is no less important to BE RESPECTFUL TO ONE ANOTHER. Think carefully about what you write and ask yourself, "How might these words or images land on a diverse audience?" Remember, impact matters more than intent. If you have questions, the Office of Inclusion and Diversity can help you think through your ideas.

Additionally, let us all be mindful of the potential barriers cadets, faculty and staff are facing, such as family issues, home life responsibilities, resource issues, taking care of children, siblings and other loved ones, feeling like a burden if staying with a sponsor family or at a friend's house, and feeling loneliness and a sense of being disconnected. BE AS FLEXIBLE AS POSSIBLE in your interactions with others.

- A GOOD NEWS STORY from our Coast Guard to share: LT Paul Reck's health quickly declined in March after he was diagnosed with COVID-19 while serving in the clinic at Coast Guard Base New Orleans. Thankfully, LT Reck made a full recovery, but he wanted to give back to those still suffering from the illness. So he volunteered as the second COVID survivor in SE Louisiana to donate his blood plasma, which is filled with potentially lifesaving antibodies, to treat coronavirus patients. Coast Guard men and women have a bias for action, and when our Nation calls, they always answer- no matter the threat or task. See the full story at <https://www.fox8live.com/2020/04/13/it-feels-like-real-honor-second-plasma-donation-sela-done-help-covid-fight/>

- The COVID-19 RESPONSE CELL is available if you can't find answers to your questions:

LT Pat Rockwell (medical), LCDR Jon Harris (academics), LCDR Abbey Miller (mission support, including personnel, IT, facilities, finance, procurement, contracting), LT Kim Shadwick (cadet matters), LCDR Hoon Park (admissions, international affairs), Mr. Chris Parsons (athletics), LCDR Nicole Blanchard (legal), Mr. Dave Santos (public affairs), LCDR Dan Stepler (governmental affairs), and LCDR Rafael Batlle (LDC).

These WEBSITES probably have info you are looking for:

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

<https://www.uscg.mil/coronavirus/>

<https://www.uscga.edu/covid19-guidance/>

<https://cgaportal.uscga.edu/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

<https://www.facebook.com/CoastGuardAcademy/>

A healthy week to you all,

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