MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

Subj: REINFORCEMENT OF EXPECTATIONS DURING PANDEMIC (COVID-19 MEMO #8)

Ref: (a) COMUSFLTFORCOM NORFOLK VA 292000Z Apr 20
     (b) US Navy COVID-19 Prevention Framework, Rev 1 of 13 Apr 20

1. As we continue our DoD COVID-19 response, we must remain committed to protecting the force and Mission Assurance, while trying to align with state and local guidance. References (a) and (b) remain in effect, and continue to apply to all U. S. Fleet Forces (USFF) personnel, even as some states and local areas ease restrictions. All personnel assigned to USFF remain under Health Protection Condition (HPCON) CHARLIE MINUS and military personnel are subject to the guidance as delineated in references (a) and (b) until canceled, superseded, or amended. Excerpts from those references are highlighted as follows:

   a. Reference (a) directs all subordinate commands under NAVNORTH to set HPCON CHARLIE MINUS. Reference (b) provides guidelines for off-duty Sailors under HPCON CHARLIE. The guidance states that military members only travel to/from place of residence/work, and stops for essential business only.

   b. Paragraph 5.A.2.C.8 of reference (a) also remains in effect. The paragraph restricts the movement of military personnel to locations where community transfer is more likely and advises family members of the risk (e.g. gyms, restaurants, or other large gatherings).

2. We are a total force and need our entire force healthy to execute our mission. Consequently, family members, civilian employees, and contract partners are strongly encouraged to follow the guidelines outlined in references (a) and (b).

3. We have a plan that takes a stage approach to modifying/relaxing HPCON and resetting of base installation services that will be released as soon as we receive higher echelon guidance and the operational environment is met for a safe reopening. Thank you for remaining vigilant, cautious and measured in these unprecedented times. Together we will prevail! If you have any questions please contact my Deputy, Mr. Randy Young, at randolph.young@navy.mil.

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