



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
97TH AIR MOBILITY WING (AETC)
ALTUS AIR FORCE BASE OKLAHOMA**

15 October 2020

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND TENANT UNITS

FROM: 97 AMW/CC

SUBJECT: Renewal of Declaration of Public Health Emergency on Altus Air Force Base

1. The persistence of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the areas surrounding our installation requires continued precautions. On 17 March 2020, I declared a public health emergency on Altus AFB, and renewed the declaration, on 15 April 2020, 12 May 2020, 9 June 2020, 7 July 2020, 24 July 2020, 20 August 2020, and 17 September 2020. Based on the Public Health Emergency Officer's (PHEO's) recommendations, I am again renewing the declaration of a public health emergency on Altus AFB in accordance with DoD Instruction (DoDI) 6200.03, *Public Health Emergency Management (PHEM) Within the DoD*, and AFI 10-2519, *Public Health Emergencies and Incidents of Public Health Concern*. This declaration will terminate automatically 30 days from the date of this memorandum unless it is renewed and re-reported or terminated sooner by me or a senior commander in the chain of command.
2. The installation PHEO and medical personnel are hereby directed to identify, confirm, and control this public health emergency utilizing all the necessary means outlined in DoDI 6200.03 and AFI 10-2519. To implement my direction, the PHEO *may* request to issue mandatory vaccines, close base facilities, restrict movement, or implement quarantine for at risk individuals. Implementation of specific actions will be approved by me or my designee. We will establish the Health Protection Condition (HPCON) level framework that will provide actions specific to this emergency that each person should take to protect his or her health.
3. The installation command and the PHEO will coordinate activities and share information with Jackson County Health Department and Oklahoma Health Departments responsible for public health and public safety to ensure our response is appropriate for the public health emergency. Shared information may include personally identifiable health information only to the extent necessary to protect the public health and safety.
4. Any person who refuses to obey or otherwise violates an order during this declared public health emergency may be detained. Those not subject to military law may be detained until civil authorities can respond. Violators of procedures, protocols, provisions, and/or orders issued in conjunction with this public health emergency may be charged with a crime under the Uniform Code of Military Justice and/or under Section 271 of Title 42, United States Code (U.S.C.). Pursuant to Section 271 of Title 42, U.S.C., violators are subject to a fine up to \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both. This delegation of authority is effective immediately and supersedes any previous delegations, this subject.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew A. Leard", is positioned above the typed name.

MATTHEW A. LEARD, Colonel, USAF
Commander