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Holloman AFB COVID-19 Case

Alamogordo, NM Tuesday, March 31, 2020 The City Manager's office received notification from Holloman Air Force Based that they have their first COVID-19 case. Please know that the City is monitoring the ongoing situation closely and are in constant communication with our local and state health care professionals. This news is unwelcome, but not unexpected. As testing is continuous it is expected that the number of confirmed cases locally, state and nationwide will increase.

We want to reiterate, that at the City, County and State Level, we have been preparing for this and that there is no cause for panic. We urge the citizens to only purchase what is needed, and be considerate of one another. At this time, we would like to echo the Governor's message on how important social distancing is and remind our citizens that on March 24th, the Governor issued a stay at home advisory. This advisory states that all New Mexicans are encouraged to stay home except for outings absolutely necessary for health, safety and welfare.

Also, the City's essential services which include Water, Sewer, Trash, Fire, Police, and Animal Control are running normally. The City has been extremely vigilant and cautious in handling this situation and have contingency plans to provide these services, should any of our employees fall ill.

For our seniors 60 or older, you can register with our Senior Center at 575-439-4150 to receive curb side meal service in front of the main entrance of the Senior Center building. Meal delivery is available for those that cannot come to the Senior Center to pick up a meal. The Senior Center can also assist with grocery delivery to those that would like to order on-line through our neighborhood grocers. More information and resources related to COVID-19 can be found on the City of Alamogordo's website at www.tiny.cc/alamocovid19.

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Please see the Press Release from Holloman Air Force Base on the following page.





News Release

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HOLLOMAN AFB ANNOUNCES FIRST COVID-19 CASE

HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. – 49th Medical Group officials confirmed that an individual assigned to Holloman AFB tested positive for COVID-19, March 31, 2020.

The individual is under the care and direction of medical professionals and will remain in isolation until the member is no longer symptomatic and cleared by medical professionals. 49th Medical Group Public Health officials are tracing the contact network to notify anyone who may have come into contact with the individual to give further direction.

Holloman AFB continues to work closely with our federal, state and local health officials to ensure our detection and response efforts are coordinated during this effort, and are constantly monitoring the situation to protect the health and safety of our people and our community.

Colonel Joseph Campo, 49th Wing commander, declared a public health emergency, March 20, 2020, and placed the base at Health Protection Condition Charlie, March 26, 2020, proactively elevating safety and security measures to protect the base populace and surrounding community, and prevent any possibility of spread. These precautionary measures are reviewed daily and include, but are not limited to, minimal staffing, social distancing, additional screening measures when entering the base, and closing or limiting services at certain businesses.

Additional measures are being discussed to further prevent any potential spread of COVID-19, and those measures are communicated daily via the <https://www.holloman.af.mil/> website. Personnel can also contact public affairs at 575-572-7381.