

MCRC FROST CALL 031-20 DATED 5 MARCH 2020

From: Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruiting Command

SUBJ: CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

Ref: (a) MARADMIN 082/20
(b) FROST Call 017-20

Encl: (1) Questions required by each recruiter, PSR, OSO

1. Purpose. To provide updated guidance regarding the assessment of the Coronavirus Disease by Marine Corps Recruiting Command (MCRC).

2. Background. Per reference (a), HQMC guidance on prevention of COVID-19, a viral respiratory disease related to Middle-East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS-CoV), and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). Symptoms of COVID-19 may include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. There are confirmed cases in over 20 countries, including the United States. The current threat of the COVID-19 has raised concern that this virus could result in a pandemic disease. In such a scenario, COVID-19 could spread, infecting U.S. personnel, and threaten the operational readiness of the U.S. Marine Corps.

3. Information. Current vulnerabilities remain at the Recruiting Station and Military Entrance Processing Center. USMEPCOM will screen applicants before shipping to recruit training. Further, MCRC published guidance (reference (b)) and direction from Headquarters Marine Corps regarding preparation for and response to a potential occurrence of the COVID-19.

4. Mission. On 5 March 2020, MCRC recruiting force will provide additional screening by asking every applicant entering and within the delayed entry program a set of questions IOT prevent possible contamination of the COVID-19 to the recruiting force and entry-level training.

5. Action

a. ALL recruiters, and prior service recruiters (PSR) will:

(1) Ensure the questions in enclosure (1) are asked, and responses are filled in "Yes" or "No" for ALL applicants and any person attending recruit training.

(2) Confirm the questions in enclosure (1) are completed and accompany the applicant to MEPS or any person attending recruit training.

(3) If any questions in enclosure (1) are marked with a "Yes" after the applicant interview is complete. The recruiter, and PSR will report to the RS operations section of any potentially high risk case of COVID-19.

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(4) Once the report of a potentially high risk contact with COVID-19 is complete, the recruiter, and PSR will take actions outlined in the enclosure (1).

b. ALL Officer Selection Officers (OSO) will:

(1) Ensure in conjunction with the pre-ship checklist, and again 3 days prior to shipping the questions in enclosure (1) are asked, and responses are filled in "Yes" or "No" for ALL candidates and any person attending Officer Candidate School (OCS).

(2) Confirm the questions in enclosure (1) are completed and accompany the candidates or any person attending OCS.

(3) If any questions in enclosure (1) are marked with a "Yes" after the candidate interview is complete. The OSO will report to the RS operations section and DAOP of any potentially high risk case of COVID-19.

(4) Once the report of a potentially high risk contact with COVID-19 is complete, the OSO will take actions outlined in the enclosure (1).

c. If ANY Marine or civilian displays fever and symptoms consistent with the COVID-19, take action outlined in enclosure (1).

6. Verification. The MEPS Liaison will ensure the following actions are completed per enclosure (1).

a. Verify that ALL applicants have an enclosure (1) filled in completely before sending the applicant to the Pre-Enlistment Interview (PEI).

b. Verify that ALL applicants have an enclosure (1) filled in completely, and placed into the applicants' package before shipping to recruit training. If an applicant answers "Yes" to any question, processing will stop until cleared by a Chief Medical Officer.

7. Reporting. RS, district, and region operations sections will report potentially high risk or confirmed cases of COVID-19 through normal reporting channels via Recruiting Station per FROST Call 017-20.

8. Points of contact are LtCol Patrick Spencer or Mr. Jack Jacobs, G-3 Enlisted Operations, at (703) 784-9403/9404.



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QUESTIONS AND ACTION REQUIRED BY EACH RECRUITER, PSR, OSO, MEPS LIAISON

Question		Response	
1	Have you traveled to or from affected geographic areas within 30 days? https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html	YES	NO
2	Have you had any signs/symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough or shortness of breath)?	YES	NO
3	Have you been in close contact with anyone who has been sick, is currently ill or suspected of being ill with COVID-19?	YES	NO
4	Have any of your family members had or shown any symptoms of a respiratory infection such as cough or shortness of breath?	YES	NO
5	Has anyone in your family traveled to or from affected geographic areas within 30 days?	YES	NO

Actions Required by Recruiter	Actions Required if Marine displays fever and symptoms
<p>1. If any questions above are marked with a "Yes", the actions are required.</p> <p>a. AVOID touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.</p> <p>b. COVER your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.</p> <p>c. CLEAN and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.</p> <p>d. WASH your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.</p> <p>(1) If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.</p> <p>2. Report potentially high risk or confirmed cases of COVID-19 through normal reporting channels via Recruiting Station per FROST Call 017-20.</p>	<p>1. Medical evaluation and care will be immediately arranged if the Marine displays fever and symptoms consistent with the COVID-19, as per CDC guidance.</p> <p>2. The Marine will call ahead before going to a medical treatment facility (MTF), informing the MTF of his/her symptoms and travel history and potential contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19.</p> <p>3. MTF staff should follow CDC guidance when assessing Marines who display fever and symptoms consistent with COVID-19.</p> <p>4. If a Marine or Sailor is identified as a patient, per previously published guidance, appropriate reporting will be initiated.</p> <p>5. Per FROST Call 017-20, Commanders will report suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 through normal reporting channels via OPREP-3 to the Headquarters Marine Corps Operations Center. Only cases evaluated by a competent medical authority and deemed suspected or confirmed will be reported.</p>