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FRAGMENTARY ORDER (FRAGO) #1 (Isolation and Quarantine Procedures) to OPLAN AY 2020-21 #1 (Fall 2020 Return to Post & In-Person Classes)

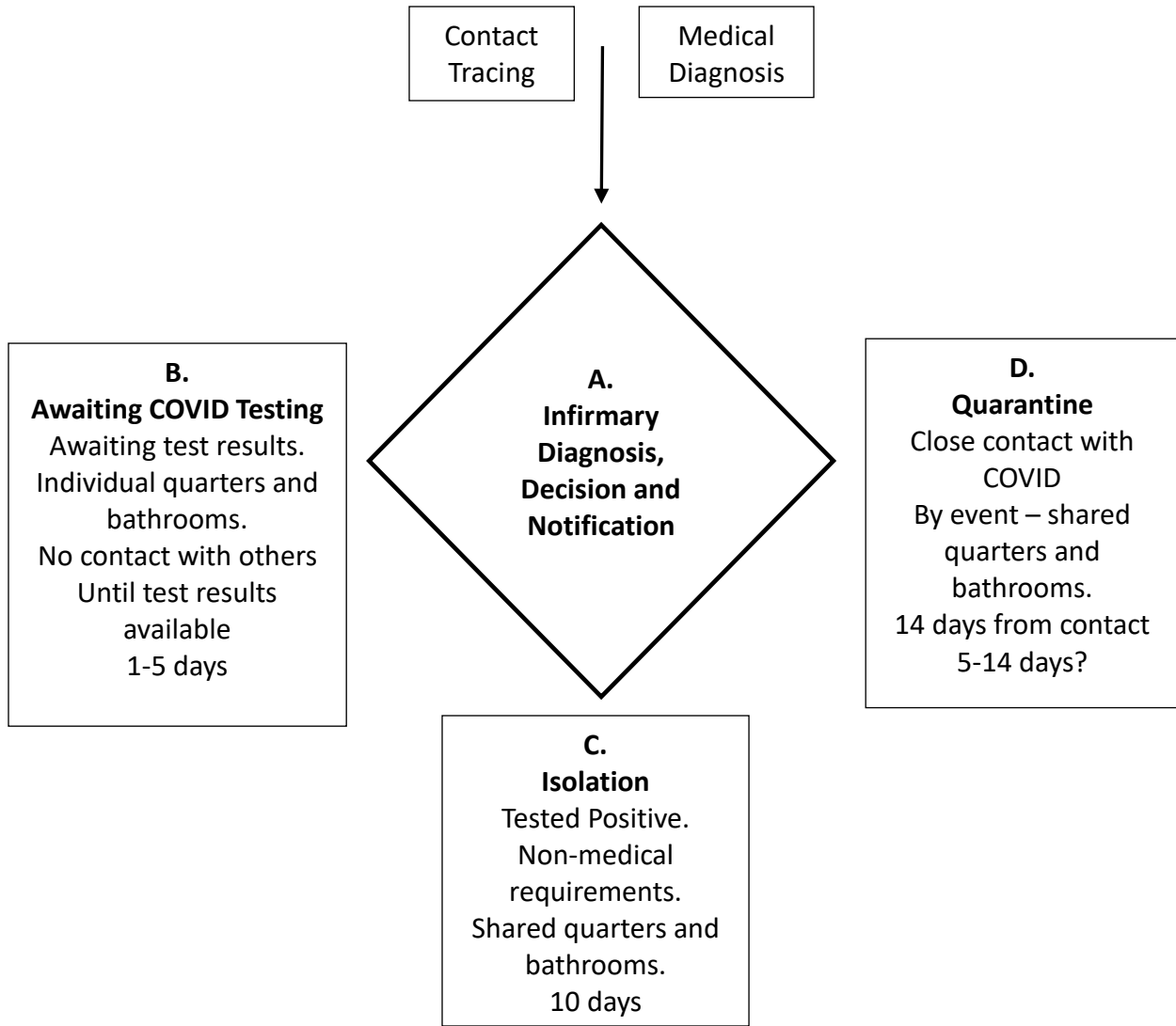
1. **Situation.** No change.
2. **Mission.** No change.
3. **Execution.** This FRAGO addresses updates/changes to the isolation and quarantine procedures described in APPENDIX 1 (Reception & Repopulation Plan) to ANNEX Q (Medical Services) to OPLAN AY 2020-21 #1 (Fall 2020 Return to Post & In-Person Classes).
  - a. **Commander's Intent.** No change.
  - b. **Concept of Operations.** Slowing or preventing the spread of COVID-19 is a three-pronged approach. The first two elements are the screening, evaluation, and testing and contact tracing procedures described in OPLAN AY 2020-21 #1. The final piece of the process, which is addressed by this FRAGO, is isolation and quarantine. Understanding associated terms and potential cadet statuses are key to this process. These are the approved terms and statuses:
    - 1) **Awaiting COVID testing:** A cadet with COVID symptoms confirmed by the Institute Physician and administered a COVID test is placed in isolation awaiting test results. Isolation in this case means individual quarters and a bathroom. A cadet could be in this status for 1-5 days until the results of the COVID test are received by the Institute Physician. Cadets awaiting COVID testing will be isolated in Moody Hall or local Howard Johnson by Wyndham Hotel.
      - a) Cadets must stay in their assigned room and cannot socialize with other cadets.
    - 2) **Isolation:** Following a positive COVID test result, the cadet is separated from the remainder of the Corps of Cadets, as well as Institute faculty, staff, and employees. These cadets are placed in non-medical facilities with shared quarters and bathrooms, with other similarly isolated cadets for 10 days. This could be in Moody Hall or the local Howard Johnson by Wyndham Hotel.
      - a) Cadets must stay in their assigned room and cannot socialize with other cadets outside their assigned billeting.
      - b) The Institute Physician will monitor the cadets' health and symptoms daily via telemedicine to ensure their medical needs are met.
      - c) Cadets in isolation are expected to continue with their academic program in an online format.
    - 3) **Quarantine:** Cadets identified through contact tracing as having had close contact (15 minutes or more; inside of 6 feet of separation; with or without a mask) with a COVID confirmed individual are separated from the remainder of the Corps of

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Cadets and their movements are restricted. Billeting for quarantined cadets equates to shared quarters and bathrooms for each group of close contacts for 14 days. This could be in barracks rooms as assigned by the Commandant's staff or the local Howard Johnson by Wyndham Hotel. Quarantining in barracks may or may not be in a cadet's assigned room. That is a decision made by the Commandant's staff based on who in the room had close contact and when.

- a) Cadets will be monitored daily by telemedicine to check for developing symptoms. At day five of their quarantine, they will also be given an option to have a COVID test administered per request from the Virginia Department of Health. NOTE: a negative test result does not terminate the quarantine. Due to the incubation period, the full 14 days of quarantine must be served.
  - b) Being in quarantine means the cadets are confined to their assigned billeting.
  - c) They may depart the room for restroom and personal hygiene purposes in designated facilities.
  - d) They **MUST** wear a facial covering when transiting between their assigned billeting and the bathrooms or showers.
  - e) Cadets in quarantine are expected to participate in classes and/or training virtually until their quarantine is over.
  - f) Cadets in quarantine are permitted to conduct PT outdoors during periods of low congestion (i.e. not during the academic day or military duty). They must wear their facial covering when they depart their room up until the point they begin their PT and then put it back on when it is complete.
- 4) At VMI for Fall 2020, the Institute Physician is the only authority that can assign a cadet to one of the three statuses listed in paragraph 3.b. above. Once the Institute Physician determines a cadet should be placed in one of the authorized statuses, he notifies the Commandant's Office who will assign to the appropriate billeting facility and coordinate the requisite support as described in paragraph 4. Sustainment and Support below.

5) Intake Process.



4. **Sustainment and Support.**

**a. Infirmary Diagnosis, Decision and Notification**

- 1) Diagnosis source can from either the Post Infirmary (medical diagnosis) or contact tracing.
  - a) Cadets awaiting COVID testing or quarantine may change to isolation depending on further medical evaluation.
- 2) Decision on appropriate awaiting COVID testing, isolation or quarantine requirements made by Institute Physician.
- 3) Notify others of Diagnosis and Decision.
  - a) Commandant (LTC Faust, SGM Rubenstein, Kelly Bennett).
    - (1) Assign location & bed space.
    - (2) Update roster.
    - (3) Coordinate Cadet support.

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- (a) Clothing.
  - (b) Bedding.
  - (c) Secure rifle and bayonet.
  - (d) Computer, books, academic materials, etc.
  - (e) Phone.
  - (f) Sign out on Commandant's computer.
  - (g) Meals (food limitations).
  - (h) Transportation.
    - i. Personal protection for driver.
    - ii. Clean vehicle after each use.
- (4) Respond to Parent requests (other than medical).
- b) Registrar (COL Battaglia, COL McDonald).
- (1) Notify professors.
    - (a) Ensure support for distance learning.
- c) Athletic Department (Lenny Brown, Lance Fujiwara).
- (1) Notify coaches.
- d) Auxiliary Services (LTC Clark).
- (1) Arrange to pick up clothing and bedding from Cadet rooms for cleaning.
  - (2) Arrange for food delivery and pick up of re-usable containers.
- e) Physical Plant (LTC Caruthers).
- (1) Deep clean Cadet rooms, classrooms, etc.
- f) Communication & Marketing (COL Wyatt).
- (1) Respond to information requests.
- g) Information Technology (COL Robinson).
- (1) Ensure Cadet has appropriate equipment and software for virtual learning.
- h) Infirmary to notify Parents (DOC Copeland, Jenny Crance).
- (1) Medical status.
  - (2) Option for Cadet to return home.
    - (a) Sign out on Commandant's Permit.

**b. Awaiting COVID Testing.**

- 1) Optional locations.
  - a) Moody Hall.
  - b) Local hotel rooms.
- 2) Service and support to individual rooms.
  - a) Cadets in each room responsible for:
    - (1) General cleaning.
    - (2) Trash collection.
  - b) Physical Plant will clean bathrooms in Barracks.

**c. Isolation.**

- 1) Optional Locations.
  - a) Moody Hall.
  - b) Local hotel rooms.
- 2) Service and support to facility go to a single delivery point.
  - a) Cadets in each room responsible for:

- (1) General cleaning.
- (2) Trash collection.

**d. Quarantine**

- 1) Optional locations.
  - a) Barracks.
  - b) Local hotel rooms.
- 2) Physical Plant will clean bathrooms in Barracks.
- 3) When quarantined in Barracks, cadets will utilize ONLY bathrooms assigned by the Commandant's staff.

**e. General support to all areas.**

- 1) Commandant.
  - a) Will assign Cadet to a location and bed space.
  - b) Overall Cadet accountability and supervision.
  - c) Maintain Cadet roster.
  - d) Coordinate Cadet needs and requests.
- 2) Infirmary.
  - a) Daily medical checks on each Cadet.
- 3) Auxiliary Services
  - a) Deliver food, pick up reusable containers.
  - b) Deliver clean clothing and bedding, pick up dirty clothing and bedding for cleaning.
- 4) Information Technology.
  - a) Set up roster.
    - (1) Establish access and permissions.
- 5) Physical Plant.
  - a) Provide cleaning supplies at each location for Cadet use.
    - (1) Vacuums, brooms, dust pans, spray bottle, paper towels, etc.
  - b) Clean bathrooms.
  - c) Pick up trash.
  - d) Deep clean spaces between uses.
- 6) Cadets responsible for:
  - a) Daily reporting via Live Safe App.
  - b) Food distribution, collection of reusable containers.
  - c) Clean clothing and bedding distribution, dirty clothes and bedding collection.
  - d) Trash collection within space.
  - e) General cleaning of space.

**f. Facility descriptions and support requirements.**

- 1) Moody Hall.
  - a) Coordinated with Alumni Agencies.
    - (1) No other activities scheduled on second floor.
    - (2) Alumni operations in basement.
  - b) Six rooms (Not suites).
    - (1) Individual rooms and bathrooms.
    - (2) 2 beds per room.

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- c) Commandant.
    - (1) Need to number individual rooms and spaces for roster.
  - d) Information Technology.
    - (1) Access for VMI WIFI.
  - e) Physical Plant.
    - (1) Post signage.
  - f) Auxiliary Services.
    - (1) Provide disposable food service items for Cadet use.
- 2) Barracks.
- a) Quarantine of Cadets grouped by individual event.
  - b) Commandant.
    - (1) Identify individual rooms for use.
      - (a) Number and location of spaces will depend on number of returning Cadets and attrition.
    - (2) Identify individual bathroom/shower for use.
    - (3) Need to establish schedule for Cadet bathroom/shower use.
    - (4) Post signage.
      - (a) Identify quarantine locations.
      - (b) Identify bathrooms for quarantine use only.
    - (5) Need to number individual Cadet spaces for roster.
  - c) Physical Plant.
    - (1) Deep cleaning between occupancies.
    - (2) Physical Plant will clean bathrooms in Barracks.
    - (3) Post signage.
  - d) Auxiliary Services.
    - (1) Provide disposable food service items for Cadet use.
- 3) Hotel.
- a) Contract specifics.
    - (1) Hotel provides normal housekeeping.
    - (2) Hotel conducts deep cleaning between occupancy.
  - b) Forty rooms.
    - (1) Individual rooms and bathrooms.
    - (2) Two Cadets per room for Isolation and Quarantine when from the same event.
  - c) Commandant.
    - (1) Need to number individual rooms and spaces for roster.
  - d) Information Technology.
    - (1) Coordinate use of hotel WIFI as/if required.
    - (2) Access for VMI WIFI.
  - e) Physical Plant.
    - (1) Deep cleaning between occupancies of on Post facilities.
    - (2) Post signage.
  - f) Auxiliary Services.
    - (1) Provide disposable food service items for Cadet use.

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**5. Command and Signal.**

- a. The Institute Physician or his staff at the Post Infirmary are the only authorities that can assign a cadet to one of the three statuses listed in paragraph 3.b. above.
- b. The Commandant's Office makes the appropriate billeting assignments.

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