



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
NEBRASKA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD
1ST BN, 209TH RTI
220 COUNTY ROAD A
CAMP ASHLAND, NE 68003

NGNE-RTI-A

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: 209th Regional Training Institute Course Requirements for COVID-19

1. Continual changes are being incorporated into all 209th Regional Training Institute operations to meet local, state, and Department of Defense (DoD) guidance and requirements. All Soldiers attending the Basic Leader Course will be required to meet all current guidelines and restrictions of this memorandum prior to and during the course.

2. Pre-Attendance Requirements:

a. Travel Restrictions:

(1) Soldiers should attempt to isolate as much as possible for 14 days prior to travel. Soldiers should try to avoid unnecessary travel out of local area or to locations that put the Soldier at a higher risk of contracting COVID-19.

(2) Soldiers must meet all local and state travel guidance from their origin of travel prior to departure for the course.

(3) Soldiers traveling from locations or commands that require individuals to obtain a travel waiver will need to submit approved travel waiver no later than (NLT) 24 hours prior to course Report Date to ng.ne.nearng.mbx.1-209th-operations@mail.mil

b. Pre-Screening Requirements:

(1) Soldiers must be familiar with how to self-monitor and what actions to take if he or she develops COVID-19 symptoms or contracts COVID-19. Soldiers must screen themselves for COVID-19 prior to departure for Camp Ashland, NE.

(a). Are you sick today?

(b). In the past 14 days have you experienced any of the following signs or symptoms? one or more of the following symptoms: a sudden onset of a cough, sudden onset of shortness of breath or sudden loss of taste or smell; or two or more of the following symptoms: a fever of 100.4 or above, chills, muscle aches, headache, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea or fatigue

(c). Have you traveled outside of your home state in the past 14 days?

(d). In the past 14 days have you had contact with someone who was exhibiting any of the previously specified signs or symptoms

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(e). Have you had contact with someone presumed or confirmed COVID-19 positive?

(2) If the individual answers yes to any of the questions, individual should remain at home and contact their supervisor for guidance. A yes answer to any pre-screening questions may result in removal from the course.

(3) **All Soldiers, regardless of home of record, will be lodged on Camp Ashland.** No Soldiers within commuting distance will be allowed to stay at their home of record for the duration of the course.

3. All Soldiers should follow applicable Federal, State and local policy in regards to wearing of masks while traveling from their home of record (HOR) to Camp Ashland, NE when traveling by plane, with multiple POV passengers, or in any other circumstance where social distancing requirements cannot be met.

4. Soldiers who report, become symptomatic, and/or test positive will be released back to their units. Soldiers will be immediately quarantined/isolated at Camp Ashland until travel arrangements with their unit can be made. Defense Travel System Authorizations may need to be changed in order to accommodate semi-private billeting / meal rations once released from the course if Soldiers are not able to immediately return home upon being released. Due to limited available space, positive or symptomatic cases will be restricted to an assigned room with no outside contact other than medical needs and delivery of food rations. Mitigation of exposure during travel will greatly increase the Soldier's ability to complete the course and maintain the safety of all Soldiers and cadre.

5. Arrival procedures at Camp Ashland, NE will follow the guidance in the Welcome Letter. Upon arrival and prior to in-processing, Soldiers will complete the 209th RTI COVID-19 Pre-Screen Checklist and receive temperature check. Any 'Yes' answer to pre-screening questions may result in removal from the course.

6. Screening, Symptoms, Testing, and Quarantine:

a. Any Soldier reporting or exhibiting signs or symptoms may be immediately isolated to an assigned room. The 209th RTI will coordinate for the Soldier to be tested at the earliest opportunity. The Soldier will be restricted from any contact or movement from an assigned room until cleared by medical personnel.

b. Any Soldier who tests positive for COVID-19 during the course will have the same restrictions as listed above. **Soldiers and their units need to be prepared to adjust travel arrangements if Soldier tests positive and cannot continue with the course.**

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7. Course Mitigation Factors:

a. Off post passes will be at the discretion of the Commandant (transportation not provided). Camp Ashland has an on base PX (open Tues/Thurs/Sat), but Soldiers should plan on attending the 23 day course with all needed items to sustain themselves. This mitigation factor may be amended during the course dependent on Soldiers following mitigation factors and local Department of Health & Human Service guidelines.

b. Social distancing requirements will be enforced for the duration of the course in both classroom and field environments per local guidance.

c. Face coverings/masks will be dependent on local guidance. Face masks will be required when traveling in any military vehicle to include busses and vans. Soldiers are encouraged to bring their own cloth mask(s) to ensure proper fit and comfortability. If required, masks will be provided if not brought by the Soldier.

8. Guidelines, requirements, and restrictions are constantly changing and may require the Soldier, cadre, or school to update and change current policies throughout the course. Be prepared for these changes and understand that you will need to be flexible during this course.

9. Point of contact for this memorandum is the undersigned at (402) 309-7190 or cody.k.green.mil@mail.mil.

Encl
Pre- Screen Checklist

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