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Time zone used throughout: Romeo (Local)

1. SITUATION.

- 1) COVID-19 Pandemic is overwhelming the States Hospital and associated facilities supplies and equipment needs. In addition, pandemic will result in need of distribution of vaccinations and therapeutics.**
- 2) The National Guard is participating in the distribution and administration of COVID Vaccine on a large scale.**
- 3) In the event the INNG/81st TC and the ING are called upon to participate in vaccination missions we will need to be trained in such distribution and administration.**
- 4) Due to COVID 19 recent DOD guidelines will be followed for this training.**
- 5) The US Government has issued a number of Vaccines for distribution, each with its own storage temperatures and unique administration needs.**
- 7) INNG/81st TC and IGR are participating in this training to be ready if deployed for vaccination administration and distribution.**
- 8) Effective 1 March 2021, in-person drills are allowed and new IGR COVID standards.**
- 9) See attachments: Attachment A (Camp Atterbury), Attachment B (Advance Party Participants), Attachment C (Training Schedule), Attachment D (Route), Attachment E (Certificate), Attachment F (Flier), Attachment G (IGR COVID Policy), and Attachment H (DOD Policy)**

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2. MISSION.

This OP ORDER is effective and finalized on 2 March 2021. The TASK FORCE Training Academy with augmented IGR soldiers and National Guard soldiers shall mobilize their main body to Camp Atterbury, Edinburgh and **report to building 354** from 0730 20 March 2021 to completion by 1700 20 March 2021 in order to conduct the Vaccination Training incident command mission (**held in Building 354**) to CDC standards. One of the many purposes of the vaccination training is to learn to distribute and administer doses in a drive through pod. The goal is to have 40 to 50 IGR soldiers and a maximum of 50 National Guard soldiers to successfully complete vaccination training to standard with certificate. There are a maximum of 50 National Guard Soldiers (they are NOT part of the 75 IGR soldier restriction). **Thus, there will be NO MORE than a total of 125 Soldiers (75 IGR and 50 National Guard).** In addition, a select number of IGR soldiers will be identified for Advance Party which will conduct final preparations and logistical support for mission. Advance Party will **arrive at Building 516, Camp Atterbury on 19 March 2021.** **All IGR Soldiers that participate MUST follow IGR COVID Policy (see Attachment G). IGR Soldiers over 65 years of age, must be COVID tested prior to mission or have been COVID vaccinated.**

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3. EXECUTION.

COMMANDER INTENT: IGR Commanding General MG Bowers considers the Vaccination Training Incident Command Mission to be a force multiplier and critical to potential future IGR missions and a great opportunity to train with the National Guard! IGR Soldiers that are identified and selected for this critical training will be medically able to successfully conduct a vaccination mission (assume performing a 12-hour shift for three days straight for part of the IGR mission capable standards). The class size will be maximum 75 IGR Soldiers and 50 National Guard soldiers: total not exceed 125 soldiers. All DOD requirements for facial masks and social distancing will be adhered to. All mobilized IGR soldiers that are over 65 years of age to mission site are required to be tested and cleared for COVID-19 (test **NEGATIVE) or show proof of **COVID vaccination**. IGR Soldiers needed to be COVID tested will be placed on three-day ADMIN ORDERS (13-15 March) to be tested (arrangement of test **MUST** be made at least one day before the test). The three-day ORDER is to give flexibility to the IGR Soldier to be tested on either the weekend or a Monday. All COVID 19 testing must occur at least 72 hours prior to arrival at mission site. **COVID Testing will occur at the below link under Concept of the Operation, as well as how to obtain a COVID Vaccination. You will need a prescription to present for a COVID test (may obtain from LTC Ungar). Medical needs to clear all participants at Building 354 prior to having complete access to the building 354.** Mission is a success when a minimum of 40 IGR soldiers and participating National Guard soldiers have successfully completed Vaccination training. Warning Order (WARNO) will go out NLT 2 March 2021 which is also the effective date for this OP ORDER. The potential 75 IGR Soldiers will be identified NLT 2 March 2021. ADMIN ORDER for COVID test will be issued NLT 8 March 2021. ADMIN ORDER for mission issued NLT 16 March 2021.**

A) Concept of the Operation (MEMS and ICS conducted throughout mission):

- 1) **ICS Standards used on 20 March 2021: This ICS Mission shall have the following ICS Forms completed and updated: ICS 201, ICS 202, ICS 203 ICS204, ICS 206, ICS 208, ICS 214, ICS 215A and ICS 205 (only if you are using IGR Radios). CSM White will determine if this ICS is done properly and to standard.**
- 2) All identified IGR soldiers **shall** be placed on a three-day ADMIN ORDER at least 72 hours prior to operations in order to be COVID-19 tested. The three-days for testing will be **13-15 March 2021**. A soldier **ONLY** needs to COVID 19 test on one day of the three days available for testing.
- 3) **All participants will not have a temperature above 100 F or show COVID symptoms. Medical Officer shall be authorized to determine if a soldier/participant is medically not fit to participate.**

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- 4) COVID pre- testing requirements for IGR Soldiers requiring or wanting due to IGR COVID Policy (Attachment G):**
- a. IGR soldiers requiring testing (see Attachment G) are expected to present a negative COVID test results upon arrival 20 March at Camp Atterbury (19 March if on Advance Party) or proof of COVID 19 vaccination (CDC Card).**
 - b. To obtain free testing visit the following site for locations:**
 - i. <https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/2524.htm> (Marion Co. has 37 sites)**
 - c. check with your local health authority or physician alternatively.**
 - d. You will need a prescription to be present which LTC Ungar can issue.**
 - e. Send LTC Ungar your Date of Birth and full name by email for prescription.**
 - f. These tests will need 3 days to complete so make sure to obtain them NLT Monday 15 March.**
 - g. Will need a copy of the results emailed to Julian.ungar@Igr.in.gov**
 - h. LTC Ungar also will be providing COVID testing in his Lafayette office location.**

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5) For IGR Soldiers that desire to avoid further COVID testing prior to the upcoming vaccination training and other IGR missions in the future, then the following steps should be taken as part of the training for frontline healthcare workers and support personal:

a. Go to the link to the register: <https://scheduling.coronavirus.in.gov/vaccine>

b. Use Firefox or Chrome to schedule on your computer. Do not forward to others. You can also use your mobile device.

c. The website will direct you to the closest vaccination site to your zip code. Do not sign up for multiple time slots as this will increase the challenges for the vaccine administration site to coordinate the vaccination of all eligible healthcare workers.

d. When answering the questions at the website:

i. Question 1: Answer is “my employer is not listed”

ii. Question 2: Answer is “yes”

iii. Question 3: Enter your home zip code

iv. Question 4: You will be directed to your nearest facility

v. *If you are questioned, then your response is IGR/Dr Ungar-Sargon’s clinic*

e. After being vaccinated, send proof to 19 MED Commander at lynn.pestle@igr.in.gov .

6) IGR Chief of Staff and Deputy Chief of Staff will approve and select who will be part of Advance Party with the approval of MSU commanders. Advance Party will prepare site for Main Body (training participants). **Preparation shall include the establishment of an Incident Command Center (TOC) with ICS forms. Advance Party will prepare Building 354 for in-processing and training.**

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7) Advance Party arrives NLT 0900 19 March 2021 at Building 516. 20 March 2021 NLT 0700, **Main Body shall arrive at Building 354.** All IGR Soldiers and National Guard soldiers shall check in and have a medical check (**NO EXCEPTIONS**). **Medical Check will include temperature reading, signing of approved medical form, and any other medical requirements required by 19 MED. Check in will be done at Building 354 for Main Body. Only authorized and medically approved IGR soldiers will be allowed to remain at mission site (building 354).** Incident Commander **MUST** give an Incident Brief (Operations Brief) during PHASE IV. Safety Officer and Medical Officer **MUST** give their respective briefs during PHASE IV, as well. **Advance Party on 19 March will have their IGR soldiers complete medical in-processing and needed weight-in, and any other ADMIN things to prevent long lines on 20 March.**

8) There are eight PHASES to this operation:

a. **PHASE I.** Starts NLT 5 March 2021 by identifying at least 25 of the key personnel or positions to attend as participants or Advance Party and this is also the effective date of this OP ORDER. Warning Order (WARNO) will go out NLT 5 March 2021, as well as identifying instructors for vaccination training (LTC Ungar will assign and approve the instructors). The potential 75 IGR Soldiers (all potential IGR Soldiers that are training participants **MUST** meet IGR mission capable standards) will be identified NLT 2 March 2021. **ADMIN ORDER for COVID test will be issued NLT 8 March 2021.**

b. **PHASE II.** Identified IGR training participant soldiers are recommended to complete (**NOT REQUIRED**). Once an IGR Soldier has completed any of the following courses then email LTC Ungar and 19 MED with proof of completion. Invites to these training links will be sent out to all IGR soldiers:

i. **General Information on Vaccines and Best Practices:**

<https://www2.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/covid19/>

ii. **Storage and Handling of COVID-19 Vaccines:**

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/downloads/COVID-19-Clinical-Training-and-Resources-for-HCPs.pdf>

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/youcalltheshots.html>

iii. **General Best Practice Guidelines for Immunization:**

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/courses.html#general-recs>

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iv. Vaccine storage and handling tool kit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/admin/storage/toolkit/index.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/admin/storage/toolkit/index.html>

v. Skills Checklist:

<https://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p7010.pdf>

vi. SLAT Triage training module:

<https://register3.ndlsf.org/mod/page/view.php?id=37977>

vii. Supplements: the evidence

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NM2A2xNLWR4>

viii. Managing a positive test result

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vN30emwcNS4>

ix. NSAIDS for fever yes or no?

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7604230/>

<https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/fda-advises-patients-use-non-steroidal-anti-inflammatory-drugs-nsaids-covid-19>

x. Delaying the second dose

<https://theconversation.com/why-it-takes-2-shots-to-make-mrna-vaccines-do-their-antibody-creating-best-and-what-the-data-shows-on-delaying-the-booster-dose-153956>

xi. The above courses are mandatory for state certification recognition for both National Guard and IGR Soldiers. Completion of the vaccination training and certificate plus the coursework above will be certified as CME credit towards the state EMT license.

2. CDC training modules below.

3. General Information on Vaccines and Best Practices

<https://www2.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/covid19/>

4. Storage and Handling of COVID-19 Vaccines

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/downloads/COVID-19-Clinical-Training-and-Resources-for-HCPs.pdf>

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<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/youcalltheshots.html>

5. General Best Practice Guidelines for Immunizations:

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/courses.html#general-recs>

6. Vaccine storage and handling tool kit

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/admin/storage/toolkit/index.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/admin/storage/toolkit/index.html>

7. Skills Checklist

<https://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p7010.pdf>

8. Pfizer vaccine materials

Online training module Vaccine preparation and administration summary Storage and handling summary Temperature log and beyond use date tracking tool when using the thermal shipping container for storage, including online fillable PDF version Temperature log for ultra-cold freezer units, including online fillable PDF version Beyond use date tracker labels for refrigerator storage Standing orders template

9. Moderna vaccine materials

Online training module Vaccine preparation and administration summary Storage and handling summary Temperature log for freezer units Beyond use date tracker labels for refrigerator storage Standing orders template

10. Successful completion of the vaccination training with the examination. The certificate below will be approved for CME credit towards state certification.

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c. PHASE III: Advance Party arrives at building 516 at Camp Atterbury NLT 0900 19 March 2021. Advance Party members **MUST** be medically checked and **MUST** have a recent COVID test that results in **NEGATIVE or have completed an approved COVID 19 vaccination.** Advance Party will prepare for Main Body and ensure logistical efforts are completed by COB on 19 March 2021. G4 will lead this main effort. **At least one Medical person MUST be part of the Advance Party.** G1 Section, G3 Section, G4 Section, Chief of Staff, and others shall be part of the Advance Party (ADMIN ORDERS will be issued to members of Advance Party for 19-20 March 2021). **In addition, all Advance Party member must be weight in, height, and other required measurements on 19 March 2021. In addition, Advance Party will have a meeting on Friday evening or afternoon to prepare for Saturday evening event**

d. PHASE IV: Registration for main body will begin NLT 0730 20 March 2021 at Camp Atterbury Building 354 to check in and be medically evaluated. Incident Commander will conduct Operations Briefing and others will conduct safety and medical briefs. **First Formation starts NLT 0830 20 March 2021. Once an IGR Soldier or National Guard soldier is cleared, then they are allowed complete access to Building 354. Briefings will be conducted at Camp Atterbury Building 354 starting at 0830 on 20 March 2021 (maximum time is 30 minutes). The following is the required tasks during registration (medical information will be given to 19 MED):**

- i. Temperature taken of all personnel**
- ii. COVID Form completed for all personnel (all results will be given to 19 MED)**
- iii. Ensure that all IGR Soldiers tested NEGATIVE for COVID or show proof of COVID Vaccination (all results will be given to 19 MED)**
- iv. All personnel are medically evaluated**
- v. If wanting certification for EMT licensing, Verification of any online completed training (NOT REQUIRED unless wishing further CME)**
- vi. All personnel MUST sign-in**
- vii. Ensure that each participant give proper name for certificates**
- viii. Gather any other required information needed to complete training**
- ix. All IGR Soldier participants need to weigh-in, height taken, and other measurements required for Body Fat assessment.**

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x. Recommend wearing IGR PT Uniform for weigh-in.

e. **PHASE V:** Training Academy Commander will ensure that Vaccination Training is started in Building 354. **This needs to start NLT 0900 20 March 2021.** This is the AM required Vaccination training portion which shall include the following (**See Attachment C: Training Schedule**):

a. Medical Countermeasures (FEMA) Modules 1-2: DSNS / Evaluating Threat / POD Command Structure

f. **PHASE VI:** After Lunch and completion of Phase IV, then Phase V begins. Phase V is the required PM Vaccination training portion which shall include the following (**See Attachment C: Training Schedule**):

a. Medical Countermeasures Module 3: Planning and Training Needs of a Medical POD

b. Medical Countermeasures Module 4: Medical POD Operations

c. POD Planning / Operations Tabletop

d. Medical POD Practicum

g. **PHASE VII:** AAR, Issus of Training certificates, cleanup, and final formation to be completed by NLT **1700 on 20 March.** Completion of mission is determined by Incident Commander based on the recommendation from the IGR Deputy Commander. **AAR will occur at completion of Vaccination Training at Camp Atterbury. AAR shall include: Mission, Task (original and what they performed), ICS Status, Observations (Good and Bad) and Recommendations for Improvement. At the completion of this phase, National Guard soldiers will be dismissed/ released.**

h. **PHASE VIII:** This phase will start NLT **1800 on 20 March.** IGR Deputy Commander will be Master of Ceremony. Awards will be given out for IGR soldiers that participated in 2020 missions at Building 354. Finally, those who are willing, there will be a social event with details determined by 16 March 2021. Currently, social event is planned to be at All Ranks Club.

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B) COODINATING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) **Since this is a training mission, TASK FORCE Training Command will coordinate and control movements of all IGR Soldiers, and INNG Soldiers that participate.**
- 2) **Parking is available at Building 354 and IMA building that is sufficient for over 150 personnel. Attached route (See Attachment D: Route) is recommended route from Indianapolis to Camp Atterbury. This is NOT applicable for all soldiers since they be coming from other parts of the State/ Country. All IGR soldiers and National Guard participants shall report to Building 354 at Camp Atterbury.**

C) IGR MEDICAL TASKS

1) Medical personnel will continually medically assist and evaluate IGR Soldiers and National Guard Soldiers that are participating in our mission.

2) Medical personnel **MUST** ensure that all IGR Soldiers and National Guard Soldiers on site are medically cleared. IGR Soldiers (required by IGR COVID Policy, Attachment G) will verify COVID 19 test results **(must be NEGATIVE)** or vaccination proof. **This information will be requested from the National Guard Soldiers (they are NOT required to be COVID 19 tested or vaccinated).** All soldiers/ participants will do medical clearance checks that include temperature reading and completing COVID forms. **Ensure that all participants possess a face cover and remind all soldiers of face cover protocol and social distancing rules.**

D) IGR MP TASKS

- 1) Support Command will provide 3 IGR MP soldiers which will be part of Advance Party.
- 2) During mission, these MPs will assist in logistical tasks and MP duties.
- 3) MPs are NOT authorized any other additional accoutrements for their uniform for this mission. These three MPs are only authorized to wear Force Protection identification patch.

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4. SERVICE AND SUPPORT

1) **Logistics:** G4 will ensure that Building 354 is reserved for training and other required below logistical needs NLT 2 March 2021. Chief Perry will take the lead for this effort.

2) **Meals:** Continental Breakfast will be provided (donuts and coffee). Lunch will be provided on 20 March. For Advance Party on 19 March, lunch and dinner will be provided.

3) **Accommodations:** This is an option for mobilized soldiers for the nights of 19-20 March 2021. IGR will reserve up to 25 rooms for the Advance Party which is the night of 19 March. You need to make your own arrangements if you want to stay over other nights.

4) **Uniform: Duty Uniform for the mission for 19-20 March. Civilian attire for COVID-19 test during 13-15 March.**

5) **Admin:** G1 will keep tracked of all personnel (Training Participants and soldiers). G1 will assist with Check in. G1 will keep records of who participated in training and their respective results.

6) **Extra:** Additional equipment needed (includes Advance Party Day): **Hand sanitizer b. face cover c. gloves d. Personal Items for overnight (Advance Party)**

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL

1) This will be primarily a classroom environment. Cell phones will be the primary means of communication. IGR Chief of Staff will maintain commo with CG and Deputy in order to give update timely SITREPS throughout mission execution. In paragraph 2, the assigned IGR positions are listed first and in parathesis is the assigned ICS position since this mission will follow both IGR military standards and MEMS standard.

2) **The following are assigned key personnel and positions:** a. BG Grigdesby- **IGR Deputy Commander** b. COL Fitzgerald- **IGR Chief of Staff (Incident Commander)** c. LTC Smith- **Training Academy Commander** d. LTC Ungar- **Medical Officer (Planning)** e. CSM Brown- **IGR CSM** f. COL Bowman-G3 (**Operations**) g. COL Fiers- G4 (**Logistics**) h. COL Ney-G1 (**Finance and Administration**) i. MAJ Heifetz- POA (**Public Information Officer**) j. 1LT Fettinger- (**Deputy Operations**) k. CPT Litchard- Provost (**Safety Officer**) l. MAJ Reddick- **Deputy Chief of Staff and Security Commander** m. LT Cleveland-(**Liaisons Officer**) n. CSM White- **NCOIC of MEMS Training** o. Chief Perry- G4 NCOIC (**Deputy Logistics**) p. CPT Ahmed- Deputy G1 (**Deputy Administration**) q. SFC Henry-MP (**Force Protection**) r. SGT Chris Rayl- Assistant MEMS Documentation

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6. SAFETY

If an IGR Soldier test positive, do NOT go to the mission site. In addition, you MUST contact 19 MED for guidance and seek medical attention. Any Visitors or other solders will still need to be checked by medical. All visitors and IGR soldiers will have their temperature checked and need to be cleared by medical prior to conducting the mission or entering classroom area of building 354 at Camp Atterbury. 19 MED is the final say for all medical clearances for this course.

FOR THE IGR COMMANDING GENERAL:

ANDREW FITZGERALD, PE

Colonel, Indiana Guard Reserve

IGR Chief of Staff, HHD

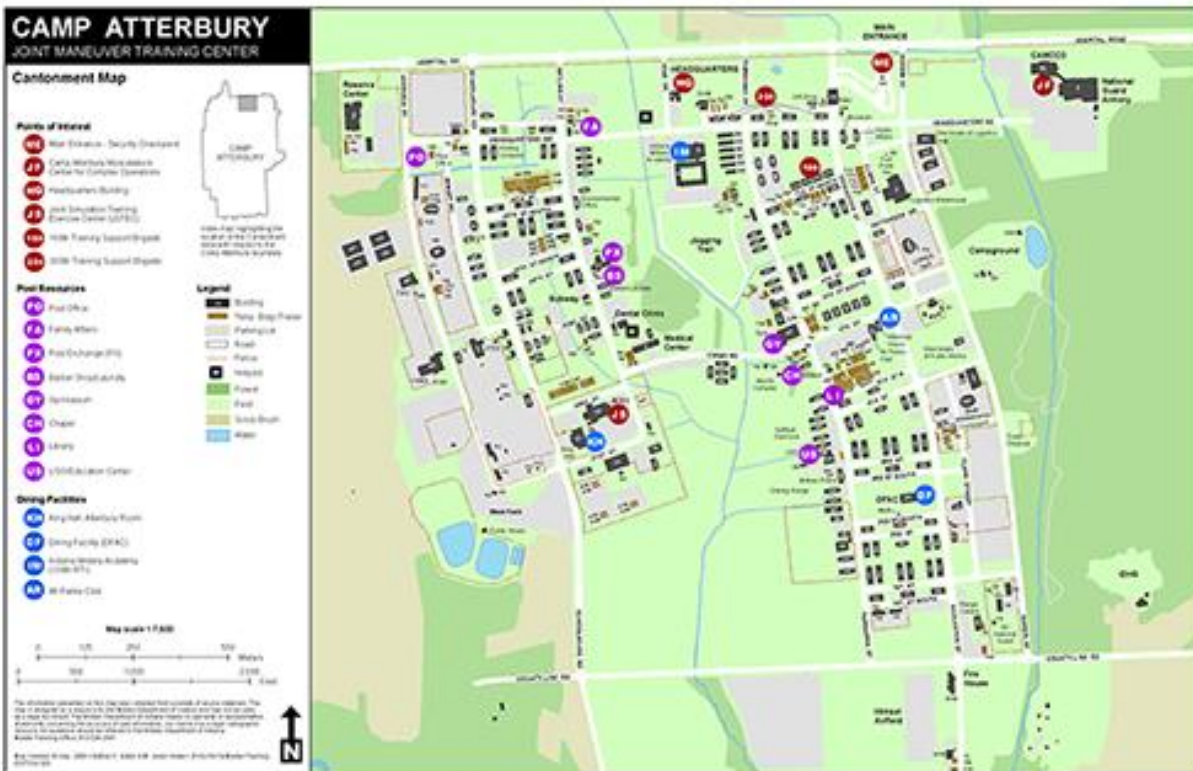
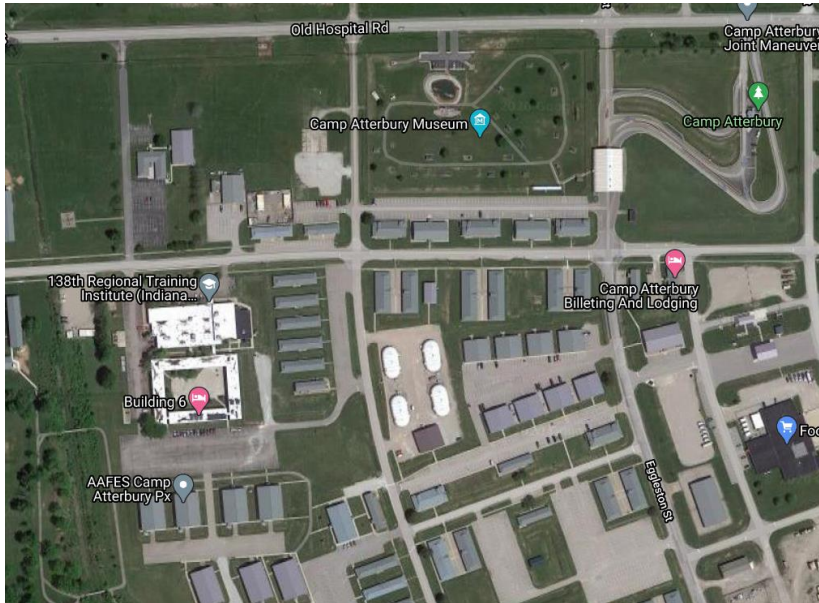
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ATTACHMENT A: Camp Atterbury

All visitors, other soldiers and IGR soldiers will have their temperature checked and need to be cleared by medical prior to conducting the mission or complete access to Building 354.



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ATTACHMENT B: Advance Party Participants for 19 March 2021

All visitors, other soldiers and IGR soldiers will have their temperature checked and need to be cleared by medical prior to conducting the mission or complete access to Building 354.

- 1) COL Fitzgerald
- 2) LTC Ungar
- 3) CSM Brown
- 4) COL Darrell Bowman
- 5) COL Fiers
- 6) MAJ Reddick
- 7) CPT Reba Mahaffey
- 8) CPT Lori Ahmed
- 9) 1LT Cleveland
- 10) 1LT Fettinger
- 11) 1LT Craig
- 12) Chief Perry
- 13) Chief Howard Bennis
- 14) CSM White
- 15) CPL Grant Turner
- 16) SSG Benitez
- 17) SFC Henry
- 18) SGT Rayl
- 19) CPT Litchard
- 20) CPL Justin Peters
- 21) SGT Rachel Johnson
- 22) 1SG Jeff King
- 23) SFC Henry
- 24) SSG Robert Jackson
- 25) SGT Christopher Amos

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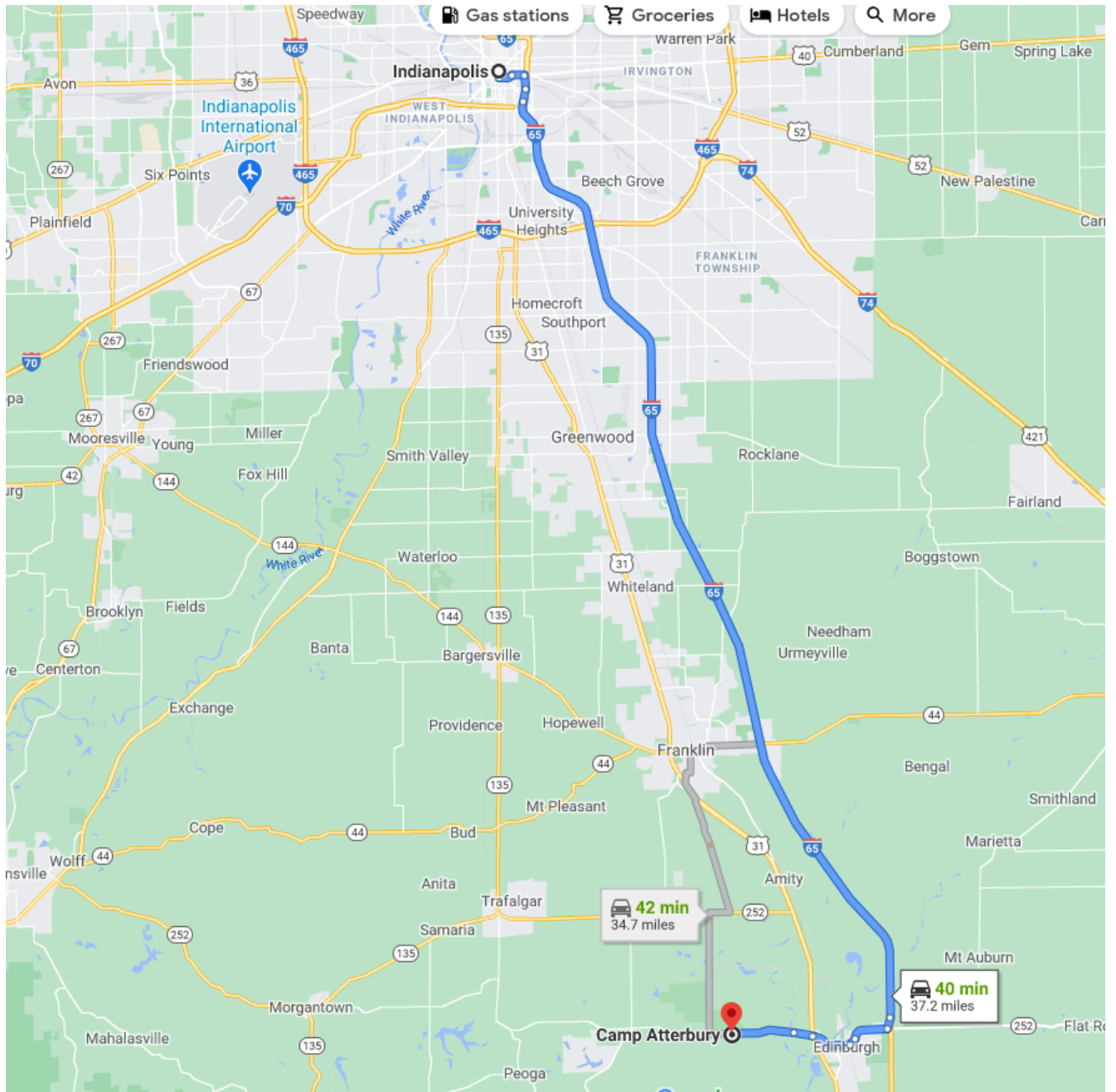
ATTACHMENT C: Training Schedule for 20 March 2021

19, 20 March 2021		Vaccination Training Schedule		
		Medical/Checkin	19th Medfical	745
WELCOME	REMARKS		LTC Smith	830
COURSE INTRODUCTION			LTC Ungar	845
FIRST MODULE	BRIEF HISTORY	PANDEMICS	COL Griffith	900
	VIRUSES/Vaccines		LTC Ungar	915
BREAK				940
SECOND MODULE	POD DELIVERY SYSTEMS	INTRO	COL Vowell	1000
	LOGISTICS SUPPORT		CPT Summerlot	1015
	LOGISTICS		1LT Fettinger	1030
THIRD MODULE	ADMINISTRATION	INTRO	LTC Ungar	1100
		delivery systems	CPT Mahaffey	1110
		Storage Issues	LT Ievine	1130
LUNCH				NOON
FOURTH MODULE	TABLE TOP EXERCISE	Workshop	CPT Summerlot/1LT Fettinger	1300
	EXAMINATION		COL Fitzgerald	1500
	CERTIFICATES		CSM Brown	1600
	CONCLUDING REMARKS		COL Fitzgerald	1630

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ATTACHMENT D: Route



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ATTACHMENT E: Certificate

This is the Certificate that is awarded if you meet all requirements which includes online courses and passing the test.



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ATTACHMENT F: Certificate

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Recent directives to the National Guard require soldiers to be ready to participate in mass COVID-19 vaccination programs. This includes distribution and administration of current vaccines.

In response, 81st TC and the IGR will be hosting a Vaccination Training at Atterbury March 20-21 2021. The course will include morning classroom lectures on current state of vaccination, POD design and implementation, storage of vaccines, administration techniques and differing properties of current vaccines.

Afternoon will entail a workshop/tabletop exercise followed by an exam and certificates of completion.

The certificate is one component of CME credit which will be awarded to those seeking State EMT licensure. The other component is the online coursework (see IGR website link to “Covid-19 toolkit” for courses) and completion of a minimum of 400 mins.

All soldiers interested in participating in this course should contact COL Bowman the Chief of Staff.

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ATTACHMENT G: IGR COVID Policy

Given that many of the IGR soldiers are older and may have more pre-existing conditions than INNG population the following will be proposed:

Until Indiana reaches a safe population of vaccinated individuals and herd immunity all soldiers who are 65 and older are not required to attend Drill or Missions.

Covid testing five days prior to a drill or mission is required for those 65 and older who have not been vaccinated or who have not had documented Covid.

In addition, those with pre-existing conditions should refrain from participation unless there is evidence of vaccination.

Pre-existing conditions include:

- Diabetes Mellitus
- Hypertension, uncontrolled
- Cancer under active treatment
- Auto Immune disorders
- COPD/asthma
- Chronic Kidney Disease
- Obesity
- Cardiac issues being actively treated medically

IGR 19th Medical Regiment is archiving vaccination documentation which is available to any of our physicians and Nurse Practitioners.

In addition, those who are actively symptomatic should not be reporting for duty.

Symptoms as determined by the CDC include:

- Headache
- Body aches
- Flu like symptoms
- Change in taste or smell
- New or worsening cough
- Sore throat or runny nose
- Shortness of Breath
- Fatigue or muscle aches
- Chest pain or tightness
- Nausea vomiting or diarrhea

All soldiers will be screened upon presentation to IGR activities.

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ATTACHMENT H: DOD Policy



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MEMORANDUM FOR SENIOR PENTAGON LEADERSHIP
COMMANDERS OF THE COMBATANT COMMANDS
DEFENSE AGENCY AND DOD FIELD ACTIVITY DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: Use of Masks and Other Public Health Measures

We must defeat the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and defend the force against COVID-19 while protecting our Nation. In accordance with Executive Order 13991, "Protecting the Federal Workforce and Requiring Mask-Wearing," January 20, 2021, and Office of Management and Budget Memorandum, "COVID-19 Safe Federal Workplace: Agency Model Safety Principles," January 24, 2021, this memorandum rescinds Secretary of Defense Memorandum, "Department of Defense Guidance on Cloth Face Coverings," April 5, 2020, and provides updated guidance on the use of face coverings and masks, social distancing, and full compliance with health guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Effective immediately, all individuals on military installations, as defined below, and all individuals performing official duties on behalf of the Department from any location other than the individual's home, including outdoor shared spaces, will wear masks in accordance with the most current CDC guidelines. Individuals must wear masks continuously while on military installations except: (1) when an individual is alone in an office with floor-to-ceiling walls with a closed door; (2) for brief periods of time when eating and drinking while maintaining distancing in accordance with CDC guidelines and instructions from commanders and supervisors; (3) when the mask is required to be lowered briefly for identification or security purposes; and (4) when necessary to reasonably accommodate an individual with a disability.

Individuals must consistently wear a mask that covers the nose and mouth and that comports with all current guidance from the CDC and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Locations where masks must be worn include any common areas or shared workspaces (including open floorplan office spaces, cubicle embankments, and conference rooms) and in outdoor shared spaces. Masks recommended by the CDC include non-medical disposable masks, masks made with breathable fabric (such as cotton), masks made with tightly woven fabric (i.e., fabrics that do not let light pass through when held up to a light source), masks with two or three layers, and masks with inner filter pockets. Novelty or non-protective masks, masks with ventilation valves, or face shields are not authorized as a substitute for masks. Masks must fit properly (i.e., snugly around the nose and chin with no large gaps around the sides of the face).

All individuals on military installations and all individuals performing official duties on behalf of the Department from any location other than the individual's home will follow CDC guidance and practice physical distancing, specifically by staying at least 6 feet (about 2 arm lengths) from other people who are not from an individual's household in both indoor and outdoor spaces. Social distancing should be practiced in combination with other everyday preventive actions to reduce the spread of COVID-19, including by wearing masks, avoiding



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touching your face with unwashed hands, and frequently washing your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

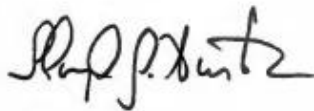
Categorical or case-by-case exceptions to these requirements for Service members and their families in environments other than office spaces that are necessary for military readiness, that are related to living on a military installation, or that are related to mask wearing by children (so long as such exceptions are consistent with CDC guidelines for mask wearing by children) may be granted in writing by DoD Component heads and should include appropriate alternative safeguards whenever feasible, such as additional physical distancing measures or additional testing consistent with DoD testing protocols. The authority to grant exceptions for all DoD Components located on the Pentagon Reservation is the Interim Director of Administration and Management. For all other situations outside of office settings when temporary unmasking is necessary for mission requirements, the authority to grant exceptions may be delegated in writing to officials at a level no lower than a general/flag officer in the grade of O-7, Senior Executive Service member (or equivalent), or, for installations that do not have officials at these levels, O-6 installation commanders.

For the purposes of this guidance, a military installation is a base, camp, post, station, yard, center, homeport facility for any ship, or other activity under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of a Military Department or the Secretary of Defense, including any leased facility, which is located within any State, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or Guam. In the case of an activity in a foreign country, a military installation is any area under the operational control of the Secretary of a Military Department or the Secretary of Defense, without regard to the duration of operational control.

DoD Components will comply with applicable labor relations obligations to the extent such obligations do not conflict with the agency's ability to conduct operations during this emergency.

COVID-19 is one of the deadliest threats our Nation has ever faced. As we have done throughout our history, the military will rise to this challenge. It is imperative that we do all we can to ensure the health and safety of our force, our families, and our communities so we can prevail in this fight.

Questions concerning this guidance may be directed to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.



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