

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS 509TH BOMB WING (AFGSC) WHITEMAN AIR FORCE BASE, MISSOURI

26 July 2021

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND TENANT UNITS

FROM: 509 BW/CC

SUBJECT: Declaration of a Public Health Emergency

- 1. I have been notified by my Public Health Emergency Officer (PHEO) of a resurgent public health situation on our installation involving COVID-19 that requires immediate action. Based on the PHEO's recommendations and local case numbers, to include hospitalizations, I am declaring a public health emergency in accordance with Air Force Instruction (AFI) 10-2519, Public Health Emergencies and Incidents of Public Health Concern. Pursuant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense memorandum dated 27 April 2020, titled Extension of Department of Defense Public Health Emergency Declarations, this declaration will terminate automatically 90 days from the date of this memorandum unless it is renewed and re-reported or terminated sooner by me or a senior commander in the chain of command.
- 2. The installation PHEO and medical personnel are hereby directed to identify, confirm, and control this public health emergency utilizing all the necessary means outlined in AFI 10-2519. To implement my direction, the PHEO may issue guidance that affects installation personnel and property, and other individuals working, residing, or visiting this installation (e.g., closing base facilities, restricting movement, or implementing quarantine for select individuals).
- 3. The installation command and the PHEO will coordinate activities and share information with federal, state, and local officials responsible for public health and public safety to ensure our response is appropriate for the public health emergency. Shared information may include personally identifiable health information only to the extent necessary to protect the public health and safety.
- 4. Any person who refuses to obey or otherwise violates an order during this declared public health emergency may be detained. Those not subject to military law may be detained until civil authorities can respond. Violators of procedures, protocols, provisions, and/or orders issued in conjunction with this public health emergency may be charged with a crime under the Uniform Code of Military Justice and/or under United States Code (U.S.C.), Section 271. Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 271, violators are subject to a fine up to \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.

DANIEL C. DIEHL, Colonel, USAF Commander