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COVID-19 AWARENESS  
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Region and MIDPAC Ohana,

Over the past few days, we have seen more and more discussion related to the reopening of our country, as individual states and federal government continue to explore various options of a phased approach to a return to “normal.” This is a unique challenge, like so many other aspects of our fight against COVID-19.

Our situation here in the islands is relatively enviable when compared to other parts of the United States. Only three states have fewer confirmed cases of COVID-19 than Hawaii, and the rate of growth in the number of cases here is far below the national average. This is not a result of luck. The cautious, measured approach taken by state and local governments in imposing “stay at home/work at home” restrictions coupled with measures like social distancing and the mandatory use of face coverings have been critical elements in flattening the curve on the spread of the unseen enemy.

We, along with every other Navy Region, are currently working with CNIC to develop the process in which we will transition from full spectrum COVID-19 responses back to “normal.” This will not be a one-size-fits-all approach. Requirements will vary based on location. It is everyone’s responsibility to tailor mitigation measures to their specific workplace and mission while protecting the health and safety of our workforce and those we support.

Even as we develop these plans, I cannot stress enough to you the importance of remaining hyper-vigilant in combatting COVID-19 and not prematurely declaring victory. We may be looking at how we will transition from HPCON Charlie to HPCON Bravo, but we also have plans in place to move to HPCON Delta if conditions suddenly worsen. This is where I am counting on your continued diligence in monitoring conditions. This applies not only in the work place, but to each and every one of you in every part of your life. Hyper-vigilance must be your watch-word. If you are feeling ill, do not take on the role of trained medical personnel. Take actions to get appropriate medical attention for yourself and rely on the professionals to make a diagnosis. By doing this, you are protecting your shipmates from the inadvertent spread of this virus, and supporting our important mission.

I encourage you to stay up to date on the latest information related to COVID-19 at the CNRH COVID-19 webpage at <https://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrh/om/coronavirusdisease-2019.html>. Stay up to date by following the CNRH Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/NavyRegionHawaii/>. If you have questions you’d like to ask, plan to participate in the JBPHH leadership virtual town hall meeting on Facebook Live on Thursday, 30 April at 1200HST at <https://www.facebook.com/JBPHH/>. Keep in mind that next week we will be participating in HURREX 2020, so don’t forget to make plans for how you will react before, during and after a severe weather event. Plenty of tips can be found here - <https://www.ready.navy.mil/>.

I couldn't be more proud of the stellar manner in which you continue to execute our mission, and I encourage you to share your ideas, concerns, or questions as they relate to our current campaign to me via your leaders.

Please continue to take care of yourselves and your families.

V/r, Robb

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