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### **HOLLOMAN RAISES HPCON TO CHARLIE AS PRECAUTION**

**HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, N.M.** – Holloman Air Force Base has moved to Health Protection Condition Charlie on March 25th, 2020.

The precautionary move was declared by the Secretary of Defense in the continued, growing response to the threat of COVID-19 across the Department of the Air Force and our local communities. All Department of Defense installations have moved to HPCON Charlie due to the nationwide impact of COVID-19 and increasing threat to military personnel.

There are no known cases of COVID-19 at Holloman or in Otero County. Holloman leadership remains in frequent communication with city, county and state officials.

Holloman has already implemented health protection measures related to HPCON Charlie including substantial hygiene measures, social distancing, restricted base access, maximizing teleworking, limiting off-base travel, closing non-essential services and implementation of additional screening measures.

Similar to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance, the DoD provides similar guidance to military commanders through HPCON levels. Installation commanders use this for appropriate responses to public health emergencies or incidents of public health concern. HPCON Charlie is the third step beyond the normal baseline.

All of these precautionary steps are being taken to protect the health of our military members, civilians, contractors, and families. Holloman's operational and training missions will continue, supporting the needs of U.S. national defense.