HPCON A - Less COVID-19 Restrictions

Great news! This morning HPCON ALPHA was authorized for NSA Monterey.

This change means that physical spacing in classrooms can drop from 6 feet to 3 feet between students, effectively doubling available classroom space, as well as drop to 3 feet distancing in offices and other common areas. Further, NPS no longer has limitations on the population density of the campus. There is no change in NPS telework policy or authorities of supervisors ability to manage their workforce.

For accomplishing our education mission, we will remain in a 'hybrid' teaching mode this quarter, but instructors are now authorized and strongly encouraged (but not yet required) to switch to all in-person instruction. Instructors that have questions about their new classroom capacity should reach out to the scheduling office who will have the current list of classroom capacities.

All unvaccinated personnel are still required to wear a facemask while on federal property. Military members should update the vaccine tracker with their vaccine status. If the tracker is not showing you as fully vaccinated, you will be required to wear a mask while on the NPS campus. Update the tracker here: **NPS Vaccine Tracking**

If students are having difficulty obtaining childcare, please reach out to your program officers and instructors. Both the POM CDC and the Navy CYS can provide childcare services for eligible patrons.

Vaccinate and together we will make our community resilient and strong! With the COVID-19 delta variant sweeping across the country, we are not out of the woods yet and an increase in COVID-19 positive cases will send us on a retreat to HPCON B. As a reminder, U.S. Navy service members are required to adhere to all state/county/local restrictions while off-installation while DON affiliated personnel are strongly encouraged to do so. You may want to note that earlier today, Monterey County and other central coast counties issued a recommendation to wear face coverings indoors regardless of vaccination status.

The Military Treatment Facility (US Army CAL MED) at Presidio of Monterey continues to afford an opportunity for vaccination for DoD government civilians (GS and NAF employed by the DoD), military, military retirees, and Tricare beneficiaries over 18. You may schedule an appointment at: https://informatics-stage.health.mil/CalMedCOVIDApp/COVID.aspx. Please fill out a DHA 207.

- Wednesday 21 July 10:30 – 12:30 PM in front of the Berlin Wall Quad onboard Presidio of Monterey - appointments and walk-ins available.
- Thursday 22 July 1:30 – 4:30 PM Building 454 onboard Presidio of Monterey - appointments and walk-ins available.

NPS can only optimize its mission when the campus is open, and we are a vibrant academic community again. Our students deserve nothing less than the best learning experience we can provide. This is what we do. Let's do it!

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