



FORT DRUM

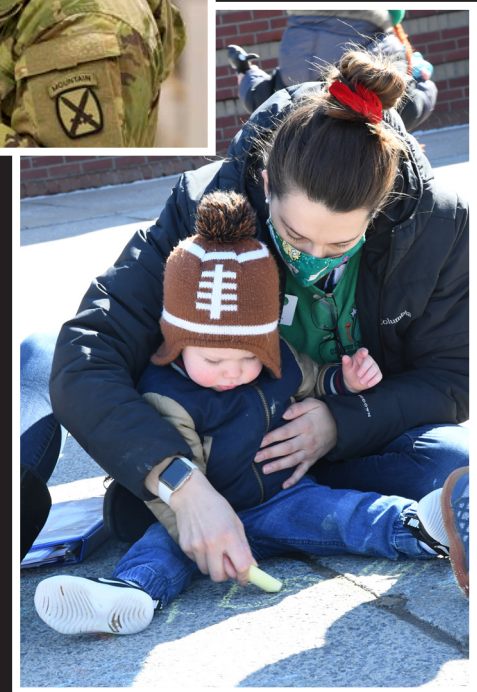
A COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO COVID-19

"EACH DAY WE ARE TAKING ACTIONS TO PROTECT OUR SOLDIERS, FAMILIES, RETIREES AND EVERYONE WHO IS PART OF OUR COMMUNITY. "

Maj. Gen. Brian J. Mennes

10th Mountain Division (LI) and Fort Drum Commander

Photos from Fort Drum Garrison and 10th Mountain Division Public Affairs; additional screenshots taken from social media pages



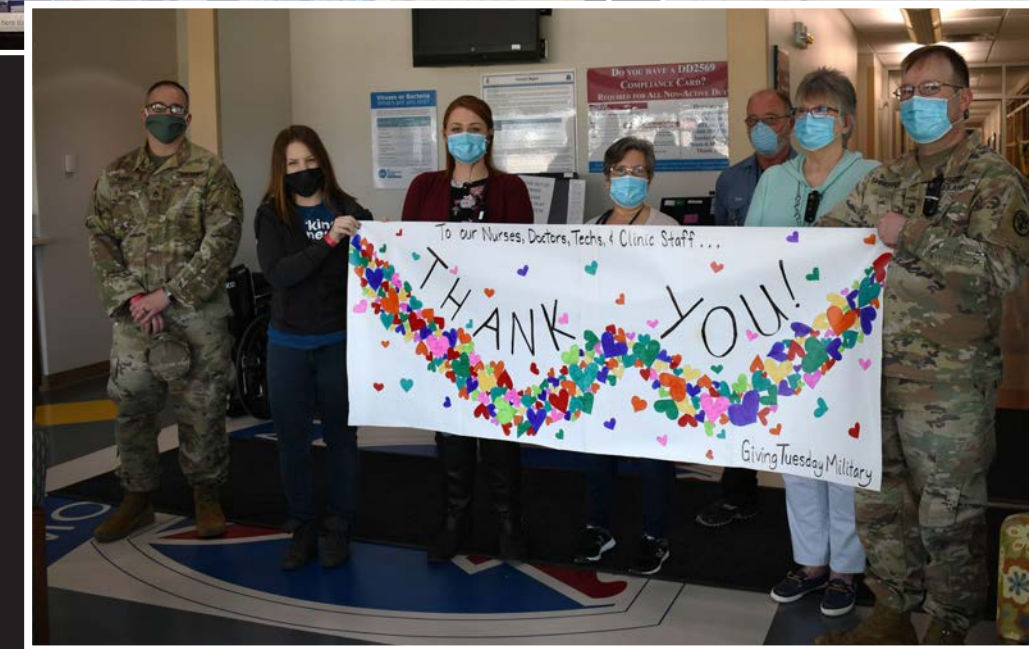
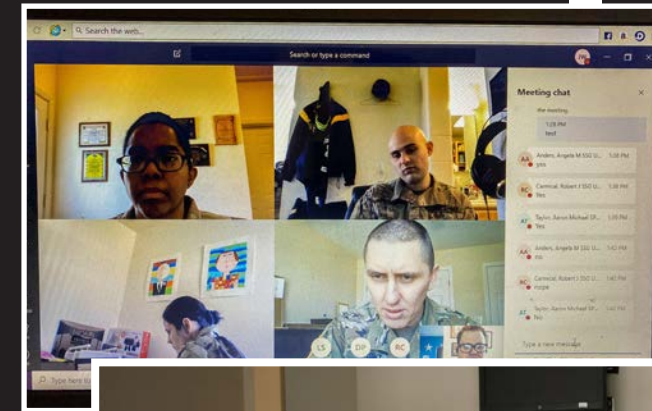
LIFE DURING A PANDEMIC

"THE MOST IMPORTANT THING THAT WE CAN DO RIGHT NOW IS TO BE POLITE, TO TREAT PEOPLE WITH KINDNESS AND CONTINUE TO HAVE A SENSE OF COMMUNITY AS WE ALL WORK THROUGH THIS CRISIS."

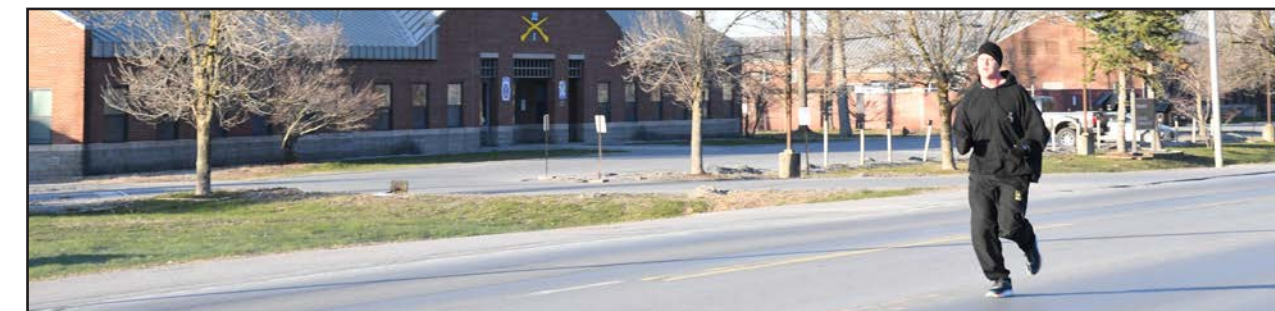
Col. Jeffery Lucas
Fort Drum Garrison Commander

From the earliest stages of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, new phrases found their way into the global lexicon, such as "stop the spread," "flatten the curve" and "social distancing." But it was familiar words that mattered most – words that offered comfort, compassion, understanding and gratitude.

While normal life has been placed on hold during the pandemic, the following pages illustrate how the Fort Drum community has banded together, even when apart, to face these unprecedented challenges.



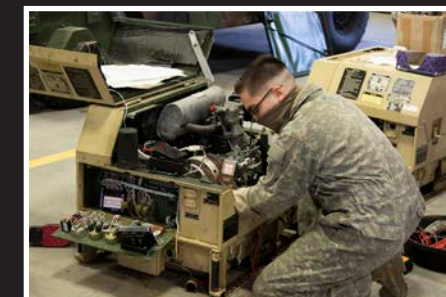
Flags are raised,
and the day begins.



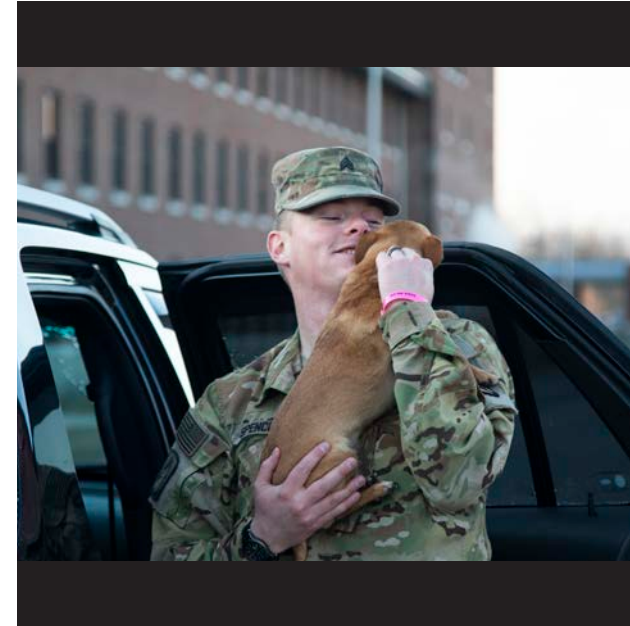
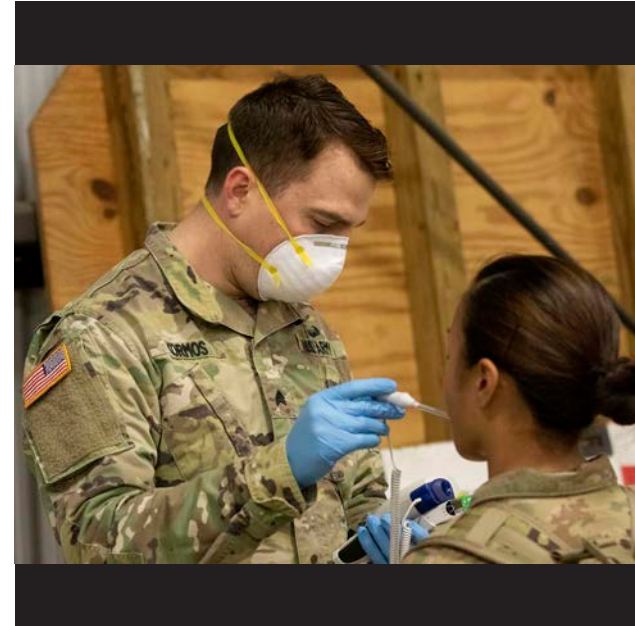
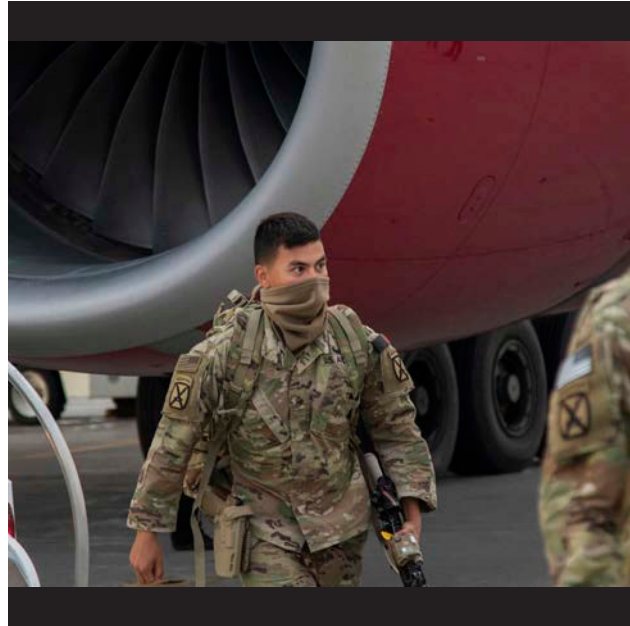
Wide open roads and fields
become safe havens for
physical fitness.



Soldiers continue to hone their training skills ...

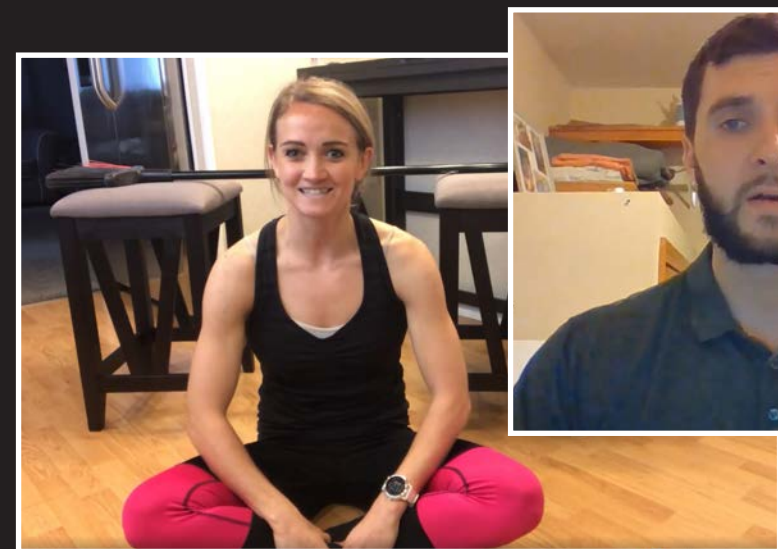


... and maintain readiness.



**Soldiers redeploy,
go into quarantine, and
then reunite with loved ones.**

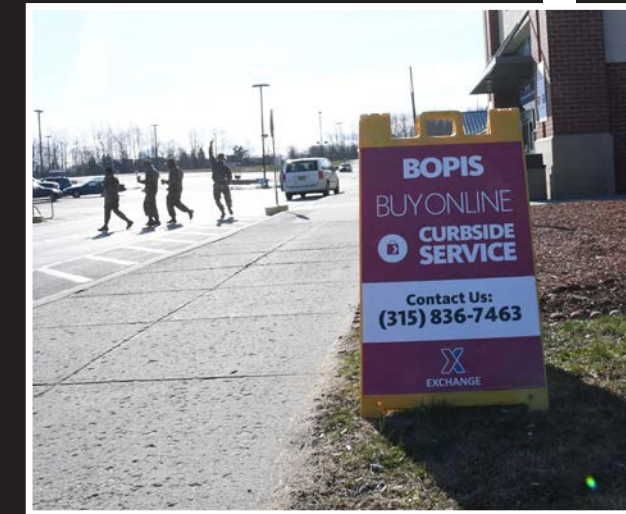
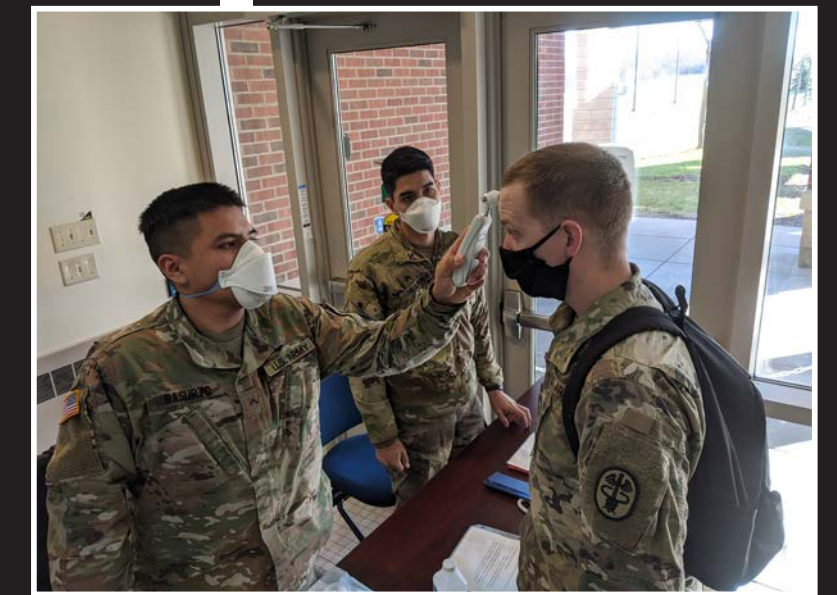




All the while, the garrison workforce is finding new ways to stay connected with the community. In virtual forums, they counsel and coach, share recipes and lessons, and ensure that, together, we will emerge stronger.



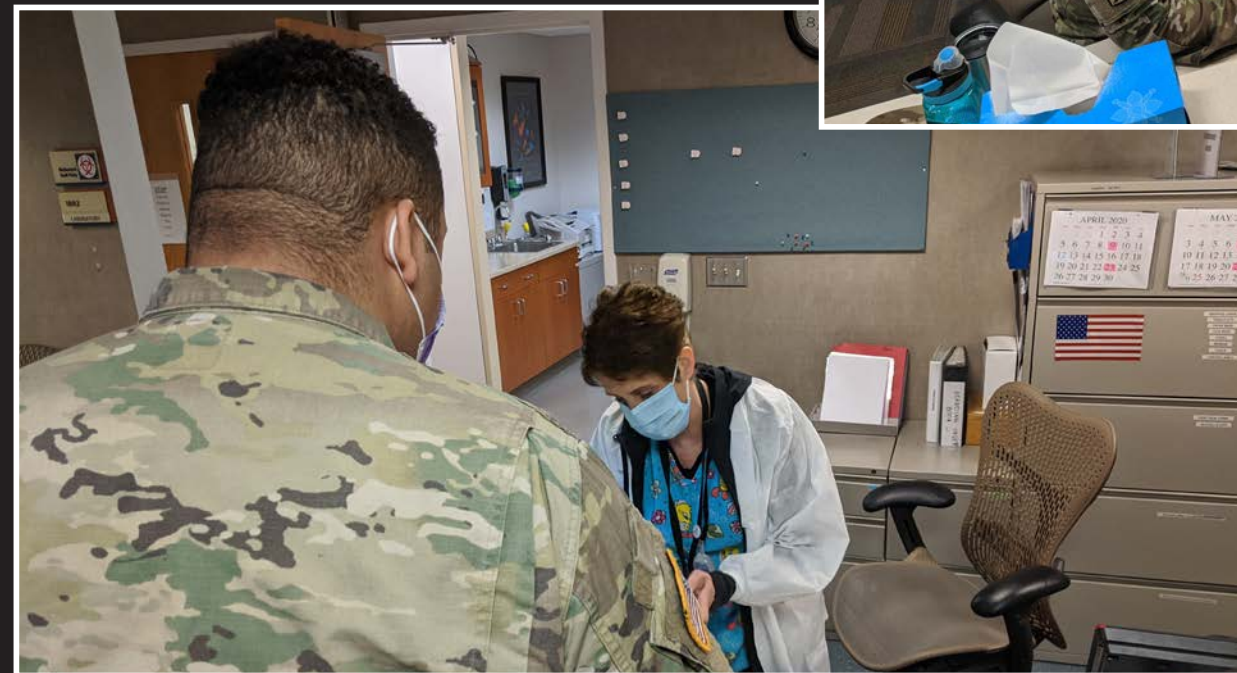
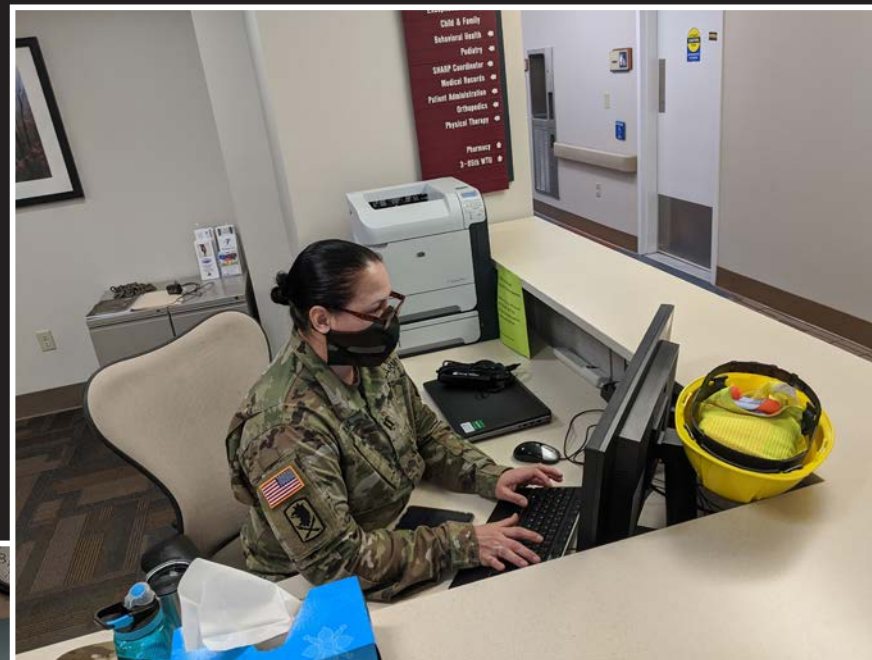
They remain physically distant, but socially connected.



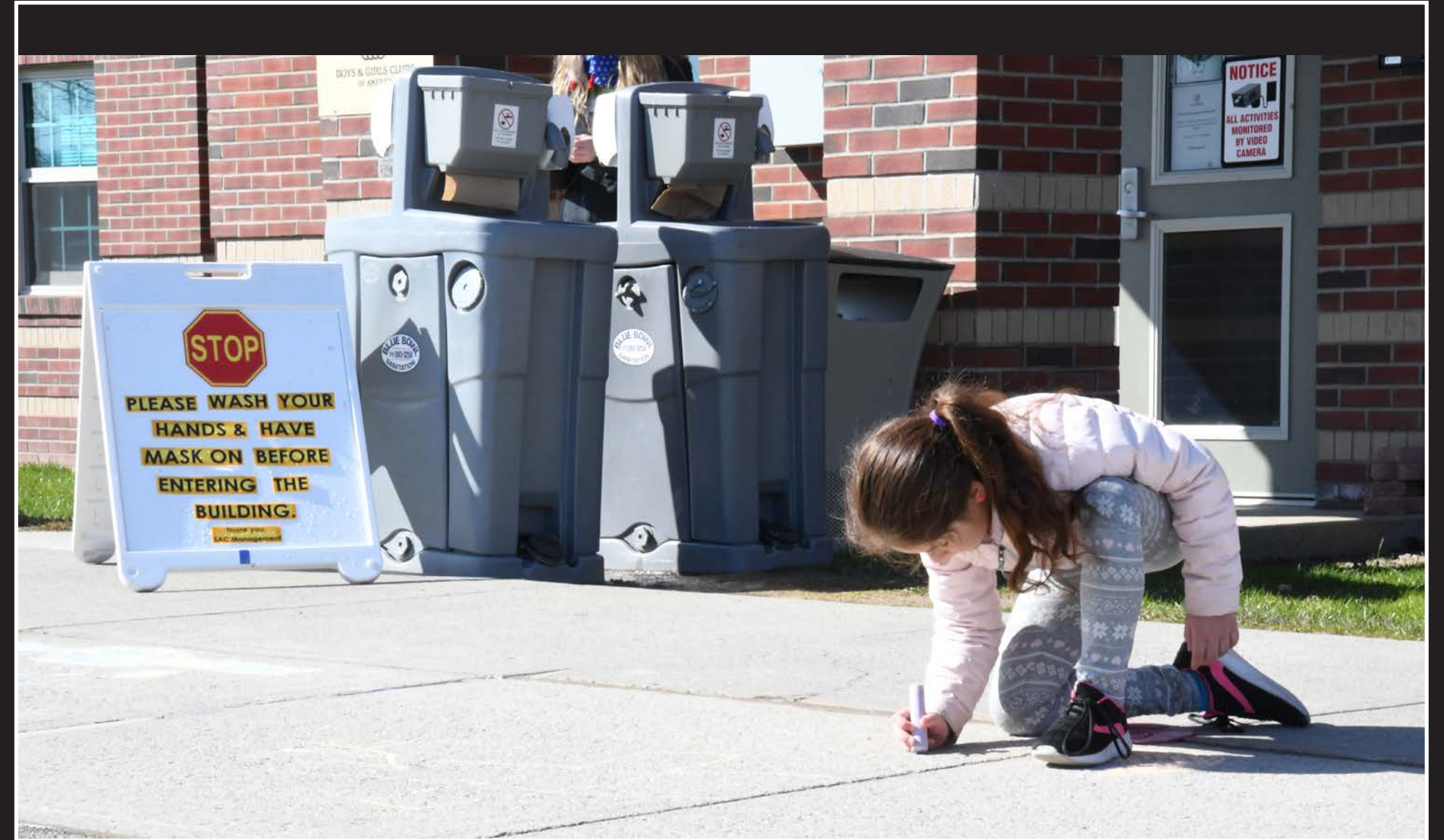
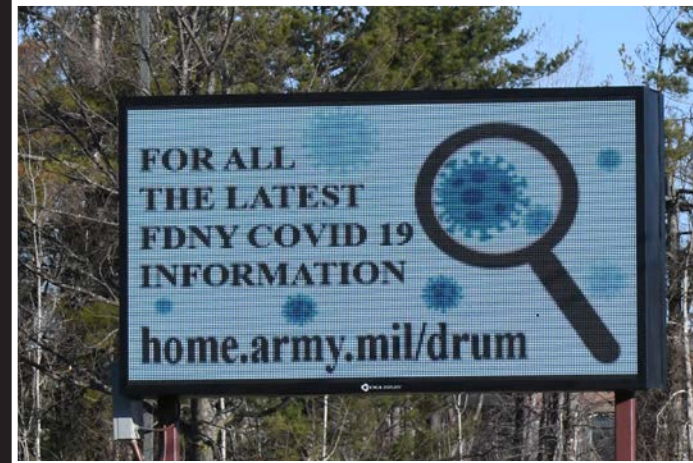
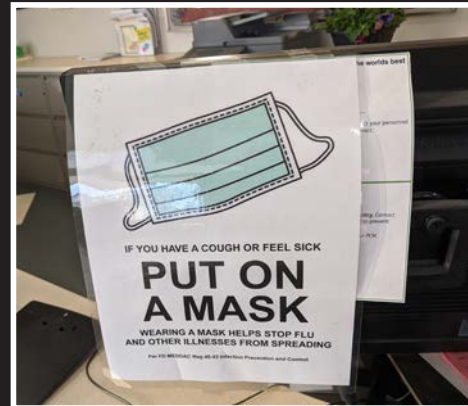
The pandemic has affected our everyday lives in different ways – how we shop, pick up our prescriptions and even how we enter a building.

A CLOSER LOOK AT

The medical professionals



Signs of the time

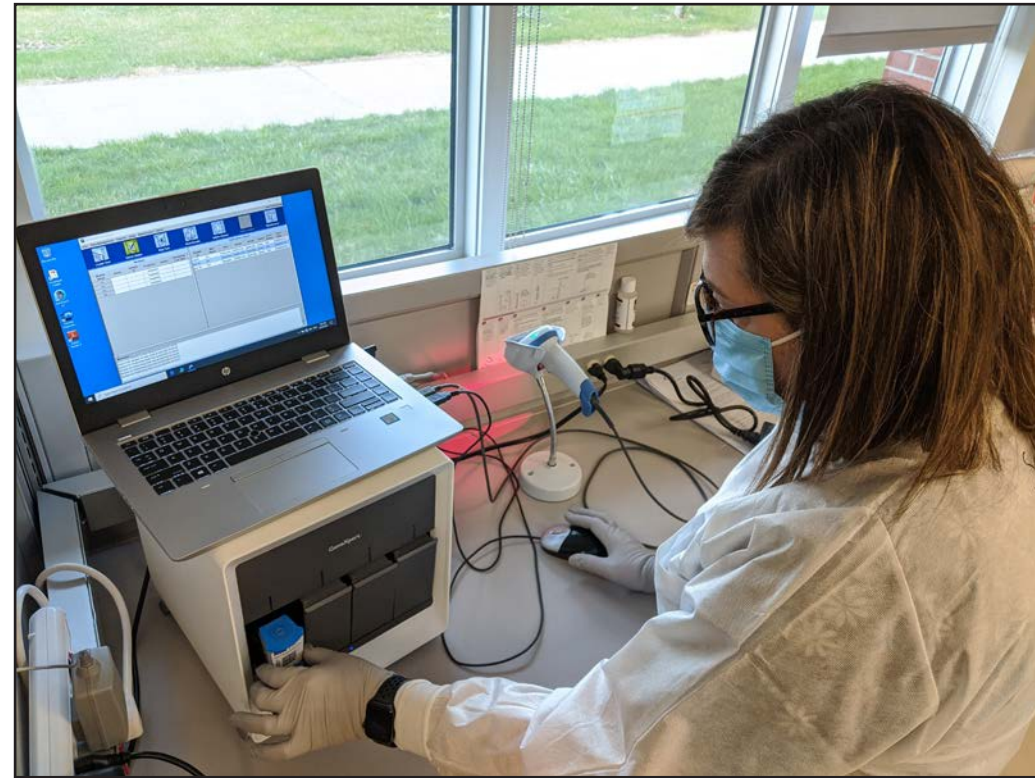


MORE SNAPSHOTS



Give me shelter...

Warrant Officer Brenden Hull, who arrived at Fort Drum in early March, is living the life of a geographical bachelor while his family remains at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, due to the Department of Defense stop movement order. The Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Remington Park Recreational Lodging staff set him up with a cottage on post, as they have been doing for other Soldiers and families in similar situations. Hull, a property book officer with the 91st Military Police Battalion, is able to work from his temporary lodging every day, and uses the nearby trails to stay physically active. He even has treated himself to a steak dinner with the outdoor grill.



On the front lines of COVID-19

Richelle Malcolm, a medical technologist at Guthrie Ambulatory Health Care Clinic, uses a new testing machine that allows the U.S. Army Medical Department Activity professionals at Fort Drum to run up to four COVID-19 tests per hour. The ability to test on post is still a finite resource at this time, and the determination on who will be tested is based on clinical needs after meeting certain screening criteria.

Best chow in the Army

And let's not forget about the teams of culinary specialists in the 10th Mountain Division (LI), who are fueling the force with to-go meals every day.



**Stay informed on Fort Drum's response to
COVID-19, and everything that follows at:**

www.home.army.mil/drum

www.facebook.com/drum.10thmountain

<https://twitter.com/drum10thmtn>

