



## Lead 6 Sends:

### A Message from Brigadier General David A. Lesperance

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As you're reading this edition of Lead 6 Sends you'll notice that it's accompanied with another Modified Stay at Home General Order. This modification was made based on conditions and is necessary to protect our community and to ensure that we can maintain readiness.

Throughout the past several months, my goal was to proceed cautiously, taking prudent, conditions based, steps to re-open and reduce safeguards. This approach assured progress, maintained community safety and limited the possibility of having to slow our forward movement and re-implement precautionary measures. Unfortunately, conditions are such that I must dial-back some of the progress that we've made.

I won't re-hash the policy memo here, as it is linked to this message and posted on our website, but these steps are absolutely necessary based on current conditions. You may recall, that before our Independence Day weekend, I relaxed some of our safeguards to give all an opportunity to get off of the installation since much of our community has now been dealing with COVID-19 safeguards for nearly 4 months. At the time, I was confident that conditions would permit that we could maintain that standard. Unfortunately, that's not the case.

If you've been following the news, the case rates, and hospitalizations have increased dramatically. It seems that San Bernardino, Riverside, and LA Counties are breaking records practically every week. Just overnight, there were 654 new cases and 21 deaths in San Bernardino County.

This, plus the fact that we have returned to training the force, is what resulted in this modification. Re-instituting the curfew; limiting travel to the local area and for only essential services/activities; and restricting visitors in our homes; along with our other precautionary measures that remain in place are necessary steps to protect our community and ensure that we can continue our mission.

From day one I've said that my number one priority is the health and safety of this community. I've also said and maintain that we must balance health and safety with training and readiness to ensure that our mission continues. These latest precautionary measures do that.

What's become clear is that it's your continued vigilance and adherence to our policies and CDC guidelines that have kept our cases low and our community safe. Unfortunately, we cannot account for what's going on around us. Non-adherence to state and local safeguards and mandates in surrounding communities puts everyone at risk.

Additional measures are now required and once again I must rely on all of you to remain patient and vigilant so that we can reduce risk and continue our mission. Rest assured that our community remains safe; we have the facilities, processes and procedures in place to combat local positive cases and exposure.

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