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Safety Message — COVID Prevention and Response

We continue to make progress in defeating COVID-19 as more people get vaccinated and adhere to CDC and DoD COVID-19 Prevention and Response guidance. However, as new variants develop and cases rise in certain areas, it is vitally important we continue to focus on protecting our force and our mission. Fort Lee leaders remain dedicated to keeping the workforce and Fort Lee community updated on guidance and policies that are designed to manage COVID-19 risks. Safety and Force Protection are paramount and we should continuously call to mind the core tenets for prevention:

1. **Wear a Mask:** CDC recommends that unvaccinated personnel should continue to wear a mask and maintain physical distance.
2. **Social Distancing:** Avoid close contact with people who are sick and avoid contact with others if you are sick.
3. **Take the shot:** Our vaccines are safe and effective in preventing the spread of COVID-19. Fully vaccinated personnel can resume many pre-pandemic activities.
4. **Hygiene:** This applies to personal and workplace cleanliness. Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds!
5. **Monitor your health daily:** If you feel sickly, respond quickly!

Thank you all for your continued efforts and all that you do to support and defend our great Nation. I am proud to serve with this incredible team of professionals.

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