

Team Beaufort,

Our air station community, like the rest of the local community and the nation, is experiencing an alarming spike in COVID-19 cases in the past month. The health and safety of the people and families on this air station is paramount to us being able to train and be ready to deploy at a moment's notice.

We need to adhere to the basic rules that have been set in place and practice personal discipline: wear your mask, social distance, practice good hygiene, and stay at home when you are sick. We must support COVID-19 efforts by enforcing the disciplined execution of individual and organizational disease prevention measures. We must have the moral courage to do the right thing at every level, even when it is hard, so that we can continue to make mission and keep each other safe. In order to avoid moving backward to the restrictions and/or increase in HPCON levels that we experienced last year, we cannot be complacent and we cannot continue down our current path.

Additionally, approved COVID-19 vaccines remain one of the most powerful tools available to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and have consistently shown effectiveness in mitigating the severity and spread of disease. Vaccines continue to be available at the MCAS Beaufort medical clinic. To schedule an appointment, call 843-228-6073. The overwhelming majority of current cases are in unvaccinated personnel. Do your part to keep our team ready and the people around you out of harm's way by getting vaccinated.

If we work together as a team through our own individual action, we can end this current spike quickly and continue on our path toward more normal operations.

Semper Fidelis

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