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# Post-COVID-19 Remobilization of the Membership Plan

## Phase III: Resuming Overnight Activities (Bivouacs, Conferences, Encampments, etc)

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This plan has been developed for North Dakota Wing, using the template provided by the Civil Air Patrol National Headquarters to enter Phase III, Resuming Overnight Activities.

**NOTE:** Deviations from the template are authorized but should be coordinated by contacting the COVID-19 Planning Team at [COVID-19Plans@capnhq.gov](mailto:COVID-19Plans@capnhq.gov).

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Narrative Summary of Coordination and Events To-Date in North Dakota Wing: Phone calls and emails conducted for Phase III planning. For phase III, ND Wing has begun planning for in-person annual wing conference and upcoming SARXs and Cadet activities.

Active cases of COVID-19 in the state are at their lowest level since mid-November. Our ND Governor has lifted the state's COVID-19 emergency declaration 30 April 2021. There are no occupancy limits for any food service establishments in the state and schools are meeting in person. There are no city ordinances regarding the mandatory wear of masks or distancing, however new CDC guidelines highly encourage members not vaccinated to wear face coverings and social distance which aligns with CAP guidelines. Active cases are stabilized around 707 and continue to trend downward since peaking over 10,000 cases in November 2020. Hospitalizations are down to 22 COVID-19 infected patients currently hospitalized. Available hospital capacity is over 40% so there is plenty of room for patients. Over 62% of the state's population has been vaccinated and over 54% fully vaccinated with more being completed since the CDC has approved vaccination of our younger population. Current CDC guidelines also allow for fully vaccinated individuals to attend gatherings without masks.

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*NOTE: Resuming overnight activities will not be done until Phase III, when most public health restrictions have been lifted, schools & businesses have reopened, and the forecasted risk is minimal.*

Item#	Task	OPR/Assigned Personnel	Date Tasked	Suspense	Date Completed	Notes
3.1.	Verify current state-level guidance allows overnight events to resume	Lt Col Ken Schuler	15 Feb 21		22 Mar 21	No state restrictions are in place for any overnight events
3.2.	Consult with staff officers to prepare for overnight activities	Lt Col Ken Schuler	15 Feb 21		22 Mar 21	
3.2.1.	Coordinate with Health Services	Lt Col Dean Reiter	15 Feb 21		22 Mar 21	NDWG has no HSO, Updated Phase II plan information and added into email below
3.2.1.1.	Check state and local health guidance regarding gatherings	Lt Col Dean Reiter	15 Feb 21		22 Mar 21	No state restrictions exist for gatherings
3.2.1.2.	Prepare to communicate with subordinate units on Health Services-related matters to continue selected public health measures	Lt Col Dean Reiter	15 Feb 21		22 Mar 21	
3.2.2.	Consult with Legal Officer about resuming overnight activities	Maj Ted Hinesley	15 Feb 21		22 Mar 21	No state legal restrictions exist for gatherings
3.2.3.	Coordinate with Director of Safety	Maj Al Vecchio	15 Feb 21		24 Mar 21	
3.2.3.1.	Verify proper planning and mitigation tools are available to staff and units	Maj Al Vecchio	15 Feb 21		24 Mar 21	
3.2.3.2.	Prepare to communicate with subordinate units on Safety-related matters	Maj Al Vecchio	15 Feb 21		24 Mar 21	
3.2.4.	Coordinate with Director of Cadet Programs	Lt Col Dean Reiter	15 Feb 21		24 Mar 21	
3.2.4.1.	Prepare recommendations for units regarding overnight activities	Lt Col Dean Reiter	15 Feb 21		24 Mar 21	
3.2.4.2.	Prepare bullets for units to incorporate when sending messages to parents about the resumption of overnight activities	Lt Col Dean Reiter	15 Feb 21		24 Mar 21	
3.3.	Query commanders of subordinate units to verify that local governments do not have more restrictive social-distancing guidelines than those at the state level	Lt Col Ken Schuler	15 Feb 21		24 Mar 21	

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3.4.	Email the CAP COVID-19 Planning Team at <a href="mailto:COVID-19Plans@capnhq.gov">COVID-19Plans@capnhq.gov</a> , and copy the Region Commander for permission to reinstate overnight activities	Lt Col Ken Schuler			17 May 2021	
3.4.1.	Describe previous coordination accomplished	Lt Col Ken Schuler	15 Feb 21		24 Mar 2021	
3.4.2.	Verify no jurisdictional restrictions are in place from State or Local Governments	Lt Col Ken Schuler	15 Feb 21		24 Mar 21	
3.4.3.	Set date to resume overnight activities, this is the start of Phase III	Lt Col Ken Schuler	15 Feb 21		24 Mar 21	21 May 2021
3.4.4.	Receive approval from the CAP COVID-19 Planning Team to resume overnight activities. Plan for one-week lead time.					
3.5.	Publish the date that Phase III will begin to subordinate units					
3.6.	Task Wing Director of Safety to communicate the following to subordinate units:	Maj Al Vecchio	15 Feb 21		24 Mar 21	
3.6.1.	Units may use steady-state RM forms to mitigate local risks	Mal Al Vecchio	15 Feb 21		24 Mar 21	
3.6.2.	Units continue to consider face coverings, hand sanitizer, and an emphasis on hygiene during meetings and activities	Mal Al Vecchio	15 Feb 21		24 Mar 21	
3.7.	Task Wing Health Service Officer to communicate the following to subordinate units:	Lt Col Dean Reiter	15 Feb 21		22 Mar 21	
3.7.1.	Health Services will continue to consider screening with no-touch thermometers prior to entry to the meeting or will require members to take their temperature at home prior to attending the activity	Lt Col Dean Reiter	15 Feb 21		22 Mar 21	
3.7.2.	Health Services will educate members on the importance of monitoring their health and avoiding participation in activities if sick	Lt Col Dean Reiter	15 Feb 21		22 Mar 21	

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3.7.3.	Health Services will continue to educate members on public health practices such as emphasizing hygiene, having face coverings, social distancing for those at high-risk, and common surface cleaning	Lt Col Dean Reiter	15 Feb 21		22 Mar 21	
3.8.	Task Wing Director of Cadet Programs to communicate the following to subordinate units:	Lt Col Trevor McDowell	15 Feb 21		22 Mar 21	
3.8.1.	Units plan to resume formations, drill, and other close-distance activities as appropriate	Lt Col McDowell	15 Feb 21		22 Mar 21	
3.8.2.	Units draft a local message to parents to inform them about what CAP is doing to keep Cadets safe while they participate in the resumption of all manner of activities in Phase III (a return to normal post-COVID-19 operations)	Lt Col Trevor McDowell	15 Feb 21		22 Mar 21	
3.9.	Task Wing Director of Operations to communicate the following to subordinate units	Lt Col Alan Frazier	15 Feb 21		24 Mar 21	Email message will be sent by Wing CC
3.9.1.	Identify flight operations permitted during Remobilization Phase III	Lt Col Alan Frazier	15 Feb 21		24 Mar 21	Refer to national COVID information page for restrictions
3.9.2.	Identify requirements for Senior and Cadet members to return to flying as required	Lt Col Alan Frazier	15 Feb 21		24 Mar 21	Refer to national COVID information page for restrictions

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### **Draft Message to all ND Wing Members: (send after approval of Phase III)**

NDWG members and staff, great news, we are currently approved to conduct Phase III operations of the COVID-19 Remobilization Plan. Phase III allows for the cautious re-opening of full CAP overnight activities such as Bivouacs, Conferences and Encampments. As amazing as this news is for us, we still need to remain vigilant. Phase III is a cautious re-opening of most activities. Let us remember to take it slow but keep moving forward.

In addition to Phase I and II operations, Phase III allows traditional crew training allowing for large Wing or Region class sessions and Flight Academies. SAREX's and other activities will no longer need to be local or operated as a distributed (Eastern/Western state) SAREX but may continue to do so as needed. In all cases, intermixing of air crew and ground team members between individual squadrons to facilitate training should be discussed. Consideration of each squadron's local area/county COVID-19 conditions must be considered. In all cases, CAP COVID-19 precautions (masks, physical distancing, etc.) will be utilized unless local county-level restrictions are stricter. Always follow the stricter guidance for your location. Overnight activities require 6 feet between bed spaces for those that are not from the same household. Cleaning aircraft between every sortie throughout all phases remains unless it is the same crew flying back-to-back sorties. When expecting to be working within 6-foot distance of others, face coverings are recommended in Phase III to protect those at high risk. Aircrew are encouraged to also wear face coverings in Phase III as an additional risk mitigation when flying with non-CAP passengers or crew members.

Please be sure to re-familiarize yourselves with the information on the links provided. Please note that the COVID-19 virus is still in our communities and distancing may still be needed as members become fully vaccinated. Masks at activities are encouraged and should be worn in most instances when distancing cannot be maintained among non-vaccinated members. Aircrew and vehicle personnel will have a discussion with each other before entering any CAP aircraft or vehicle about mask wear and any safety concerns. A reminder that wearing of masks is for the safety of others, not just ourselves. This matters because about half of those infected will have no symptoms and do not realize that they are potentially risking the life of fellow members. Consider hand washing / sanitizing of surfaces at the beginning and end of meetings. If masks or cleaning supplies are needed, please look for local supplies. Alcohol bottles and wipes have been purchased by the Wing and placed in every aircraft to use for sanitizing before and after use. Squadrons will need to purchase alcohol and wipes for vehicle sanitizing before and after use. Activity Directors will use Post-COVID-19 produced Risk Management (RM) forms to mitigate local risks. <https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/members/cap-national-hq/safety/covidrm>

Activity Directors and Squadron Commanders consider voluntary screening with no-touch thermometers at events (if such equipment is available and practical) or ask each member to take their temperature before arriving at the event. If a no-touch thermometer is available, a designated senior member should be assigned to take temperatures of members prior to entrance to unit events. A temperature of 100.4 or higher shall be

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considered a fever. Members presenting with fever or other symptoms shall not attend events. Follow all current CAP/CDC guidelines. Be aware that these guidelines may change rapidly. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/openingamerica/> <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Activity Directors and Squadron Commanders remind members that self-identify as “high risk” may gradually return to intermittent unit, activity, and mission duties, however, members should continue social distancing and refrain from crowds. Activity Directors and Squadron Commanders shall be aware of high-risk conditions associated with increased mortality in patients with Covid-19. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html>

Activity Directors and Squadron Commanders should be aware of public health protection measures that may consist of common surface cleaning, social distancing for high-risk categories, crowd reminders, and logistically preparing for any further COVID season. Activity Directors and Squadron Commanders ensure that there is a cleaning/sanitizing plan for commonly touched surfaces, a hand washing plan, a face covering plan, a temperature check plan (either performed prior to entering the activity with a no-touch thermometer or performed at home prior to coming to the activity), and a social distancing plan. Activity Directors and Squadron Commanders shall ensure there is a unit plan to minimize the spread of Covid19. Current CAP/CDC guidelines shall always be followed. If guidelines differ, the most stringent guideline shall be followed. Activity Directors and Squadron Commanders shall refer to guidelines often as they are likely to change rapidly. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

North Dakota will enter phase II, 29 March 2021 which will open access to vaccine to all residents over age 16. As the vaccine becomes more prevalent in communities, several precautions can start to be rolled back, but again I urge caution as we continue to move out of the pandemic.

## CAP COVID-19 “Remobilization of the Membership” Graphic

