MEMORANDUM FOR ALL ROME RESEARCH SITE PERSONNEL

FROM: AFRL/RI Director and Commander, AFRL/Detachment 4

SUBJECT: Declaration of a Public Health Emergency

1. I have been notified by my Public Health Emergency Officer (PHEO) of a public health situation involving Coronavirus (COVID-19) that requires immediate action. Based on the PHEO's recommendations and the Public Health Emergency declared by the President, the Governor of the State of New York, the Oneida County Executive, and the Mayor of the City of Rome, New York, I am declaring a public health emergency IAW AFI 10-2519, Public Health Emergencies and Incidents of Public Health Concern. This declaration will terminate automatically 30 days from the date of this memorandum unless it is renewed and reported, or terminated sooner by myself or a senior commander in the chain of command.

2. The PHEO is hereby directed to identify, confirm, and control this public health emergency utilizing all the necessary means outlined in AFI 10-2519. In addition to the steps that I will take in my authority as Installation Commander, the PHEO may issue additional guidance that affects installation personnel and property, and other individuals working or visiting this installation (e.g., closing base facilities, restricting movement, or implementing quarantine for select individuals).

3. The installation commander and the PHEO will coordinate activities and share information with state, local, tribal and territorial officials responsible for public health and safety to ensure our response is appropriate for the public health emergency. Shared information may include personally identifiable health information only to the extent necessary to protect the public health and safety.

4. Any person who refuses to obey or otherwise violates an order during the declared public health emergency will be detained. Those not subject to military law will be detained until civil authorities can respond. Violators of procedures, protocols, provisions, and/or orders issued in conjunction with this public health emergency may be charged with a crime under the UCMJ and/or under United States Code, Section 271. Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 271, violators are subject to a fine up to $1,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.

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