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### Scott AFB raises Health Protection Condition to Bravo

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. – Scott Air Force Base has raised its Health Protection Condition from Alpha to Bravo following an identification of a positive, non-travel-related case of the COVID-19 virus at a local hospital off the installation. The patient is not related to Scott AFB.

HPCON Bravo is instituted when there is an increased exposure risk and calls for strict hygiene measures as well as identification and self-quarantine of potentially exposed personnel. The HPCON change was triggered by the non-travel-related nature of the case.

Scott AFB declared a public health emergency March 16 and reduced manning to continue mission critical tasks only. The declaration provides the commander with additional tools necessary to protect Airmen and families and limit the spread of the virus. This includes restricting movement of personnel and access to the installation as necessary and implementing quarantine or isolation procedures for affected individuals.

For the latest information on COVID-19, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus, and the Department of Defense Coronavirus website at www.defense.gove/explore/spotlight/coronavirus. For more information about Scott specific measures and information, please visit [www.scott.af.mil/coronavirus](http://www.scott.af.mil/coronavirus).

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