



Team McChord,

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Thank you for your continued hard work, patience, and flexibility during COVID-19 Phase 1. Our mission essential posture and your discipline have directly contributed to protecting the force and decreasing the spread of infection. Team McChord remains healthy and able to execute our mission.

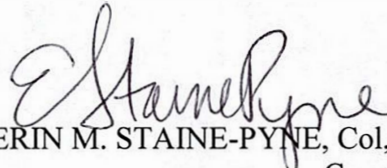
I am happy to announce that we are ready to transition to Phase 2A, effective 1 June. Phase 2A allows more Airmen to safely return to the workplace while still adhering to the safety measures installed during Phase 1. Furthermore, Phase 2A expands in-person gatherings to 25 and restarts additional force development programs. All units will continue to wipe in and wipe out at their workspaces, physically distance themselves when at work, and when necessary, wear personal protective equipment.

Unit commanders have the authority to execute changes to their manning posture provided they adhere to the guidelines established by the planning team. Having laid out these guidelines, I cannot stress how important it is to remain vigilant and deliberate on how we return to the workplace. As we move into Phase 2A and Washington State begins to open its economy, it is vital we exercise the same level of discipline and personal responsibility that made Phase 1 successful.

Additionally, the Secretary of Defense just released updated guidance to his stop order movement on 27 May. We are digging into the guidance and will provide information as soon as we can. The good news is that we are moving towards a travel policy that is driven by the local conditions...and the overall trend in Washington State is positive!

Your leadership team and I are committed to a plan that gets Airmen back into the workplace and we are optimistic that we are going to be able to take leave over the summer. I am proud of you and proud to be your teammate.

Stay healthy,


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