



Texas Wing Cadet Programs
Civil Air Patrol
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2021 CADET TRAINING & EDUCATION PROGRAM COVID-19 NOTICE

Dear Parent of CTEP Cadet and CTEP Cadre,

As you are aware, Civil Air Patrol (CAP) has established strict nationwide policies to address the COVID-19 Pandemic and keep all members, including your cadet, safe during all activities, including the planned 2021 Cadet Training & Education Program (CTEP). As of 6 September 2021, Texas reverted into Phase II of the CAP Remobilization Plan, which would allow us to conduct a CTEP with very strict guidelines. We have set the dates of 8-10 October 2021. The CTEP will be held at to be held at Texas Wing Headquarters, Nacogdoches, Texas.

The National Commander, Major General Edward Phelka, CAP, has issued a Memorandum entitled Updated COVID-19 Risk Management for Multi-Day and/or Overnight Training Activities & Follow-Up Planning (26 APR 2021 updated 18 May 2021) (RMM), as well as a Policy on Vaccinated Members and Public Health Measures (1 JUN 2021) (PVM). These memoranda are guiding our planning, in accordance with National CDC guidelines, to increase the likelihood of a safe CTEP experience for all. Planning for the CTEP has included measures designed to minimize transmission of contagious diseases, including, but not limited to, reduced sleeping quarters occupancy and minimum distances between beds, daily sanitization of shower facilities and common touch surfaces, and organization of cadets into cohorts, that are fixed groups or flights to limit close contact during activities.

In accordance with the RMM, all participants are required to meet ONE of the following criteria to be eligible to attend:

1. In accordance with RMM Requirement (3)(b), all participants must adhere to ONE of the following:
 - a. **Completed a COVID 19 vaccine series:** Personnel who have completed the vaccination series meet this standard. “Completed” is defined as having received both doses of either the Pfizer/BioNTech or Moderna vaccines, or the single dose of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine, 14 days prior to arrival at this event.
 - b. **Receive a Negative COVID 19 test within three days of attendance:** Members who cannot quarantine or who have not been vaccinated are required to be tested through PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) or a diagnostic Antigen Test, such as those preformed at CVS or Walgreens. Please Note the Binax NOW® Home Test **CANNOT** be used as proof of testing as it is not intended to rule out positive or negative results. **Personnel who plan on being tested should schedule their test NOW** for the Wednesday or Thursday leading up to the event, as it generally takes 24 hours to return results. Do not wait to schedule this test the week of CTEP.
 - c. **Quarantine for 14 days prior to this event:** Members who have not been vaccinated, or who are unable to obtain a COVID test may choose to quarantine for 14 days prior to this event. “Quarantine” is defined as isolation of movement, i.e., remaining home with limited external person to person contact. Members who attend public schools or are part of home school collectives, sports, church or other religious places of worship, etc. that meet in person **CANNOT** meet this requirement. Additionally, members who are quarantining **CANNOT** attend any CAP Activity in the 14 days prior to this event.
2. It is the intent of Civil Air Patrol to provide a safe learning environment for all its members. Members are expected to adhere to all stipulated COVID mitigations, including the wear of a mask indoors and in large groups outdoors where 6-foot spacing is unavailable. Members who are unable to wear masks should NOT attend this course due to the increased risk of COVID. Facemasks prevent the spread of droplets through the air. All members will be required to wear a face covering/mask at all times when in the presence of others while in attendance indoors and outdoors if unable to socially distance. Face masks must comply with CAPR 39-1. Masks may be solid white, black, or the surgical blue. At this time, CAP is requiring all members to wear a mask,



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regardless of vaccination status.

3. All fees will be refunded for any participant not meeting these criteria in accordance with RMM Requirement 11.
4. All participants must submit a Written Plan of Return (must leave the base within 24 hours) in the case that the participant displays symptoms of COVID-19 or is exposed to someone who is symptomatic and have not themselves been vaccinated against COVID-19. Cadets over the age of majority can take charge of themselves should they have to remain in place for a period of not more than 24 hours until they are well enough to travel, but they should have an emergency contact who can assist them and there should be a clear hand-off from the activity staff should they not be well enough to travel.
5. Only necessary prescription medication shall be brought to the activity. Bring only what is needed for the weekend. All prescription medications must be in original containers with prescription labels attached and placed in a sealed clear baggie.

Prescription medications will be inspected, tagged, and returned to the cadet who is responsible for their safekeeping unless they require refrigeration. Non-prescription medications are permitted as well but all medications must be listed on CAPF 160 to avoid confiscation as contraband. Controlled substance prescription medication in excess of the amount necessary for the duration of the activity are grounds for removal from the activity with no refund. Parents are advised to provide drug interaction information on CAPF 160. Parents are advised that cadets must self-administer medication and CAP takes no responsibility for administration schedule or any under or overdose or adverse drug interaction. Cadets unable to maintain an administration schedule or self-administer should delay CTEP attendance to a later date. In accordance with CAPR 160-1, Health Services Officers may have medication forms for the cadet to initial when doses are taken, and/or perform pill counts, or other compliance verification, however, CTEP staff do not assume any responsibility for ensuring cadets correctly self-administer medication.

6. Any preexisting health condition not disclosed on CAPF 160 may lead to exclusion from the activity without refund.
7. All participants should keep in mind that weather conditions necessitate sufficient hydration by all. Community water containers (coolers) will be available and sanitized in the event of inadvertent contact by drinking containers, but any participants not wishing to utilize these should plan other means of sufficient personal hydration. Please refer to the packing list.

Thank you for understanding the need for compliance with the National Commander’s Risk Management Memorandum, as well as applicable CAP Regulations, to help facilitate a safe CTEP for all. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns regarding this Notice. I can be reached at texasctep@gmail.com.

Quarantine/Symptomatic Free/Vaccination Understanding and Agreement statement:

Parent signature _____

Cadet participant signature _____

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