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Class of 2021 Naval Command College and Naval Staff College

Arrival procedures reflect COVID-19 pandemic policies directed by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Department of Defense, the U.S. Navy, the State of Rhode Island (RI), and Naval Station Newport.

Travel

- Students currently stationed in the U.S. may not begin their travel to Newport before 1 July 2020.
- Students traveling from outside the U.S. may not arrive in Newport earlier than 14 July or later than 17 July 2020.
- All students traveling from outside the U.S. must plan to complete their travel at Providence's TF Green Airport (PVD) or Boston's Logan Airport, where they will be met by NWC International Programs staff and transported directly to Naval Station Newport.
- All students must submit their travel plans to the International Military Student Officer, Ms. Vicky Garrold (vicky.garrold@usnwc.edu) no later than 15 June 2020.

Arrival

- Students arriving from outside the U.S. will immediately enter a 14-day Restriction of Movement (ROM) status, also known as quarantine, on Newport Naval Station.
- All students arriving from outside the U.S. will be billeted in Navy Gateway Inns and Suites (NGIS), the Navy Lodge, or assigned Balfour Beatty Communities (BBC) housing.
- While in quarantine, all students must remain in their rooms and maintain strict social distancing protocols. Meals will be coordinated by the staff of International Programs.
- Students arriving from previous duty stations inside the U.S. with authorized dependents must immediately enter the required 14-day quarantine status and remain in their homes.
- Students must arrive with enough financial resources (approximately \$2000 USD) in hand to support themselves for at least six weeks due to possible delays in administrative services.
- At the conclusion of their quarantine, students will be free to travel in the local area and participate in social, sporting and cultural activities in accordance with the prevailing COVID-19 health regulations promulgated by Naval Station Newport and RI. Social distancing will be practiced throughout the academic year.
- All students must be prepared to return to self-isolation in a remain-at-home status if changing health and safety regulations require it.

Dependents

- Students arriving from outside the U.S. are not authorized to bring families/dependents with them at this time. If the pandemic situation in RI improves, we will reexamine this policy. However, based on the current situation, it is unlikely this policy will change until late September at the earliest.
- Dependents traveling from outside the U.S. will not be included on Invitational Travel Orders (ITO's).
- Un-authorized dependents who accompany students on tourist visas will not be allowed access to Naval Station Newport, including on-base medical facilities or the use of the commissary/base exchange.
- Students arriving from previous duty stations inside the U.S. are authorized to bring their dependents to Newport and have them included on their Invitational Travel Orders (ITO's). All dependents must provide proof of health insurance,

- including pandemic coverage.
- Dependents who come to Newport will face severe challenges due to health and safety restrictions mandated by the CDC and RI.
- Schools in RI are closed at this time and may not reopen for the next academic year, which normally starts at the end of the summer. Families must be prepared to support the education of their children in their homes using virtual technologies and have their own electronic equipment/devices on hand to do so.

Educational Experience

- A virtual orientation will be conducted during the mandatory 14-day quarantine period. It will include virtual guest lectures and presentations from the American Studies Program. Please fill out all forms and paperwork requested as soon as possible in order to make orientation and in-processing flow smoothly.
- The academic program begins on 3 August 2020. Graduation is on 11 June 2021.
- The Naval War College has a “Bring Your Own Device” policy. All students are required to bring their own laptop computers or tablets in order to access the digital curriculum. We will provide you with the formatted readings and instructions on how to load them onto the device. By bringing your own device, you will be able to retain all selected readings for future professional reference.
- The traditional Field Studies Program (FSP), which took students on short visits around the U.S., has been curtailed by necessity. Should current travel and other health restrictions be lifted, FSP trips across the country will resume. FSP trips in the local area are being planned. Students will still be able to personally travel around the local area in accordance with prevailing health restrictions.
- Social activities at the Naval War College also face challenges due to social distancing protocols and other possible health restrictions.
- The International Master’s Degree Program Prerequisite, the TOEFL exam, may be conducted on-line and virtually prior to arrival. The cost and coordination for virtual test taking will be the responsibility of the students.

If you have personal questions regarding travel plans, ITO’s, pay and allowances, housing, health insurance, etc., contact Ms. Vicky Garrold via email: vicky.garrold@usnwc.edu.

Questions regarding orientation, the academic calendar, the Field Studies Program, or other concerns about your education should be directed to your respective Director:

- Naval Staff College: CAPT Mike Marston – michael.marston@usnwc.edu
- Naval Command College: CAPT Will Shipp – william.shipp@usnwc.edu

Latest Rhode Island COVID-19 Information/Alerts: <https://health.ri.gov/covid/#alerts>