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HEALTH AFFAIRS

**MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (MANPOWER AND
RESERVE AFFAIRS)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (MANPOWER AND
RESERVE AFFAIRS)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (MANPOWER
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DIRECTOR OF THE JOINT STAFF
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (HEALTH
SERVICES POLICY AND OVERSIGHT)
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SUBJECT: Extension of Department of Defense Public Health Emergency Declarations

Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 6200.03, "Public Health Emergency Management (PHEM) Within the DoD," authorizes military installation commanders to declare public health emergencies on their installations to respond to significant health events, such as COVID-19. The DoDI directs installation public health emergency declarations to automatically terminate in 30 days, unless renewed and re-reported by the military commander.

Due to the ongoing nature of the COVID-19 response, the duration of DoD public health emergencies declared under DoDI 6200.03 may be up to 90 days from the date of declaration or renewal, as determined appropriate by the installation commander. This extension authority is effective immediately and will remain in effect until December 31, 2020. The 30 day renewal requirement is waived to reduce the administrative burden on military commanders of repeated renewals and to allow commanders to focus on response and mitigation activities. Declarations may still be terminated by the military commander who made the declaration, any senior commander in the chain of command, the Secretary of the Military Department concerned, or the Secretary of Defense.

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