



**A MESSAGE TO THE EASTERN RECRUITING REGION FROM
COMMANDING GENERAL AND SERGEANT MAJOR
MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT/EASTERN RECRUITING REGION**

As you are already aware, we adjusted shipping to MCRD Parris Island for the week of March 30th, and new recruits will not be traveling to Parris Island. We were granted this opportunity to refine screening processes to continue mitigating efforts for you – our recruiters – and your families.

Your substantial and continuous efforts, along with MEPS and local medical staffs, to implement more than the policies and habits directed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention contributed to identifying and testing those with COVID-19-like symptoms. This aggressive posture is necessary to protect all of us. Your efforts to screen those with concerning symptoms before transporting to MEPS and travel to Parris Island is protecting the larger population they would otherwise encounter throughout the shipping process. This concerns us, just as it does you, and is being constantly addressed at every level, to minimize the threat and mitigate the impact.

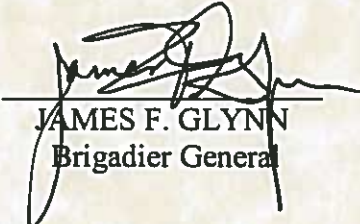
The manner in which we recruit and train has been examined, with many modifications already made, and they will continue to be as the situation requires. But we need your active involvement. Brilliance in the basics remains essential to our success, and the basics in this case are existing guidelines to call in to work and seek medical consultation if you're not feeling well, maintain maximum social distancing in all settings, including training, and wash your hands frequently while keeping them off of your face.

Planning and execution for this emergent and quickly evolving situation are on-going. We continue examining modifications to our recruiting and shipping models to provide you, and your families, what is available to mitigate risk. We continue to plan and act with the health and safety of you, your families, and our future Marines in mind.

COVID-19 is one threatening element in a world of uncertainty, and our Marine Corps must remain ready to defend our Nation against every uncertainty. Therefore, our mission remains essential.

Please continue to communicate your concerns, ideas and best practices with your chain of command as we face and surely overcome this challenge together, as we have in every other clime and place.

Semper Fidelis,


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