NMLEA COVID-19 MITIGATION PROTOCOL

Effective March 9, 2020, the NMLEA is closed to the public. Only designated NMLEA and New Mexico State Police staff, instructors, and academy participants are allowed in the facility.

Staff and instructors have access via activated ID badges/cards. Each academy class has two access badges. Entry to those without authorized electronic access is through the main/front doors located on the southeast side of the building. One staff member is in an enclosed office in the academy’s front lobby.

The NMLEA has posted signage, and had each participant sign an acknowledgment, confirming expected adherence to CDC recommendations:

- Avoid contact with people who are sick;
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash;
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth;
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces;
- Stay home if you are sick;
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds;

Additional precautions include:

- Maintaining social distance when possible (i.e. standing formation)
- Maintaining appropriate social distancing
- No congregating in groups of 5 or more without necessity

Effective Friday, March 20, 2020, if leaving the NMLEA for overnight or weekends, upon return, academy participants will remain outside, at a staging area designated by the NMLEA or NMSP class coordinator:

- Each academy participant will be screened for basic symptoms and temperature prior to being allowed entry to the academy;
- Each academy participant is expected to report any exposure to a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 to the class coordinator;
- Each academy participant is expected to immediately report any symptoms of illness to the class coordinator; if symptoms are present or develop during the week, they will be further distanced from fellow participants and assisted with contacting the New Mexico Coronavirus Hotline (1-855-600-3453) for further guidance;
The NMLEA is cleaned daily, to include vacuuming and emptying trash and disinfecting frequently touched services (doorknobs, light switches, etc.) several times per day.

Academy participants are cleaning all equipment/gear prior to and after each use. Disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizer are available in each classroom, dorm area and throughout the building.

Dorm room assignments have been modified to minimize the number of academy participants per room. Currently there is only one participant per room. Classroom seating arrangements have been modified to maintain the maximum amount of distance between participants.

The cafeteria is open for normal meal service. There is no self-serve food. All food items are served by contract food personnel. Regular buffet salad bar has been removed from the open seating area.