

## **Measures to prevent transmission of Corona virus during Exercise CR20**

### **Background**

During Exercise CR20, the Patient Holding Facilities (PHF) at Elvegårdsmoen military camp and at Setermoen/Skjold military camp has limited capacity to handle personnel suspected of being infected with the Corona virus. If transmission of Corona-virus is suspected, these cases have to be handled by the exercising home-units themselves. This is also in accordance with the national guidelines from the Norwegian Institute of Public Health and information given by Surgeon General Norwegian armed forces – Joint Medical Services (Norwegian only) dated February 26<sup>nd</sup> 2020.

### **Discussion**

Due to limited capacity at the PHFs during CR20, all exercising units must be prepared to handle suspected corona infections locally. This includes:

1. Detailed plan to identify possible infections within the unit
2. Standard Operational Procedures (SOP) for isolating “suspected infected person”
3. SOP for handling «close contacts» to suspected infected person
4. Measures for protection of own (healthcare-)personnel
5. SOP for notification and documentation.
6. SOP for testing

To avoid overload of cases in own unit and at the PHFs, preventive measures must be established. If you have questions to these guidelines, please contact the PHF Elvegårdsmoen at phone number +47 48996626. It is important, urgently to report any suspected cases to PHF, due to disease surveillance.

### **Conclusion**

Exercising unites at CR20 must conduct preventive measures against the Corona virus in their own unit according to recommendations given in this letter. For further information, see Appendix A.