Team Yokota,

Thank you for remaining flexible and patient during these challenging times. I really appreciate your focus on the health and safety of our entire community. The way you have taken care of each other has been an absolute encouragement, and I am proud to continue both our mission and our fight together against COVID-19.

Last week, I provided you an update on our team's support of the Sailors here on base. I shared with you that a small number of Sailors in phased crew restriction of movement tested positive for COVID-19. Out of an abundance of caution, I decided to test their support team as well.

Today, I can confirm that an additional small number of individuals who are part of that support team were confirmed positive for COVID-19. Our public health experts are working closely with the Navy to ensure both communities are being protected through recommended isolation and quarantine measures.

You have heard me say this before, but I will reiterate...your safety remains my absolute highest priority. My team and I will continue to keep our community aware of any future concerns. I want to sincerely thank each of you for observing the strict protective measures your leadership team and I have established to keep you and our local community members safe.

Stay strong by supporting one another and focus on maintaining your physical and mental health, just as our whole team will similarly remain committed to the health and well-being of our Navy partners.

Thank you.

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