

USEUCOM Public Affairs Fact Sheet



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U.S. European Command's Response to COVID-19

Health Protection

"We've implemented prudent measures to reduce the exposure and transmission of the coronavirus to or from our forces, family members and home stations." – Gen. Wolters

- The health of the force across U.S. European Command's area of responsibility is a top priority.
- USEUCOM is well-coordinated with our local host-nation partners to comply with local preventive measures.
- USEUCOM is leveraging the command's website, social media platforms and other venues to keep military, civilian personnel and their family members informed.
- Installations, components and headquarters leadership continue to conduct virtual town hall meetings to maintain open lines of communication with the force and families.

Assistance to Allies and Partners

"With our allies and partners, we continue to take the necessary steps to reduce the further spread of the virus." – Gen. Wolters

- **April 28, 2020:** Bosnia-Herzegovina received rapid assistance from the U.S. military and NATO to combat COVID-19.
- **April 28, 2020:** U.S. provided medical equipment assistance to Montenegro.
- **April 23 & 27, 2020:** USEUCOM donated medical items including respirators, protection suits and other personal protective equipment to the Republic of Moldova.
- **April 23, 2020:** USAID announced programs that will include (1) \$10M for essential health commodities, (2) \$30M for Civil Society and non-gov partners, (3) \$10M to enable Italian businesses to engage in research, development, or manufacture of therapeutics, vaccines, and medical supplies related to COVID-19.
- **April 20, 2020:** DOD announced the U.S. package supporting Italy, providing humanitarian aid and relief services to assist the Italians and their frontline responders combating COVID-19.
- **April 15 & 18, 2020:** U.S. donated U.S. Defense Department's Overseas Humanitarian, Disaster, and Civic Aid (OHDACA) funded medical personal protective equipment to North Macedonia.
- **April 14, 2020:** The Office of Defense Cooperation in Lithuania coordinated the donation of U.S. Defense Department's OHDACA funded critically-needed medical personal protection equipment to the Lithuanian Health Emergency Situation Centre.
- **April 14, 2020:** The U.S. military and NATO delivered U.S. Defense Department's OHDACA funded critical medical and disinfectant supplies to aid Bosnia-Herzegovina.
- **April 9, 2020:** Participated in the donation of important personal protective equipment to Albania to help the Ministry of Health and Social Protection protect front-line healthcare workers.
- **April 8, 2020:** Supported Heavy Airlift Wing international Strategic Airlift Capability mission to deliver medical and personal protective equipment to Romania.
- **March 26, 2020:** The Defense Security Cooperation Agency's Humanitarian Assistance Program in coordination with the U.S. Embassy-Rome provided medical equipment to Italy.
- **March 22, 2020:** U.S. Air Forces in Europe delivered critically needed En-Route Patient Staging Systems (ERPSS) to Italy's Aviano Air Base and the Italian Ministry of Defense.



The Heavy Airlift Wing based out of Pápa Air Base, Hungary, assisted with the international Strategic Airlift Capability mission to deliver medical and personal protective equipment to Romania.



Airmen assigned to the 721st Aerial Port Squadron load pallets of medical supplies onto a C-130J Super Hercules to provide medical support to Italy.

Maintaining Military Readiness

“USEUCOM is maintaining its readiness through adjusted local training and reduction of exercises as necessary.” – Gen. Wolters

- One of the command’s largest planned exercises, DEFENDER-Europe 20 has undergone modifications in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. The purpose of the exercise was to build strategic readiness by deploying a combat-credible force to Europe in support of NATO and the U.S. National Defense Strategy. That objective was met.
- USEUCOM continues to evaluate the size and scope of remaining exercises, while still maximizing efforts to enhance military readiness.

Health Information Sharing

“The command is adhering to the Center for Disease Control health protection measures and the United States Secretary of Defense’s guidance on health protections and travel restrictions.” – Gen. Wolters

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- Vice President’s Coronavirus Task Force: <https://www.coronavirus.gov>
- Coronavirus: DOD Response: <https://www.defense.gov/Explore/Spotlight/Coronavirus>
- USEUCOM COVID-19 Updates: <https://www.eucom.mil/coronavirus>

