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MEMORANDUM FOR JOINT TASK FORCE MICHIGAN

SUBJECT: Oral Thermometer Use during Screening Events (Non healthcare setting)

1. This is to provide those personnel that are executing thermometer checks preferences in equipment and outline the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for this task. This strategy may be updated with new information regarding the virus.
2. Equipment: Touchless or less invasive thermometers are the preferred equipment to use, if available. Second preferred piece of equipment is oral thermometers, which is the most likely used piece of equipment. Oral thermometers with one-use, disposal covers are acceptable, especially during events such as reception, staging, onward movement, and integration (RSOI) and pre/post mission checks.
3. Prior to the temperature screening, all service members, to include the screener, must be:
 - a. Without subjective fever.
 - b. Without cough or shortness of breath, or symptoms consistent with the COVID clinical presentation as defined by the CDC. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>
 - c. Without known COVID exposure within the last 14 days.
 - d. Educated regarding hand and respiratory hygiene.
4. If the screener or service member presents with symptoms, reference the MING Commander/Supervisor Risk Decision Matrix (Exhibit 1) on how to proceed with how to access the risk and status of where the service member should reside.
5. Screeners at RSOI will wear nonsterile gloves and a surgical mask, not the N95 respirator. Screeners must be trained on donning and doffing procedures in accordance with the training outlined in Exhibit 2 Donning and Doffing PPE training.
 - a. Gloves are not changed between screens unless there is contact with any secretions or mucus membranes, to include self.

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Tab D (Thermometer Guidance non healthcare setting of appendix 3 to annex F)

b. Face masks should not be shared between individuals. Face masks should be removed and discarded if soiled, wet, or damaged. Otherwise, they should be reused.

c. This PPE is not considered medical waste.

5. The thermometer is cleaned and disinfected between defined groups (i.e. units traveling together, barracks assignments) or at least twice daily unless there is contact with secretions. Alcohol swabs of at least 70% alcohol are appropriate for this use.

6. Point of contact for this guidance is the Joint Surgeon Office at 517-481-8368 or ng.mi.miarng.mbx.state-surgeon-office@mail.mil

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