

Class 016 Parents/Guardians,

We and as many of you are extremely concerned about the spread and outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus (Covid-19) throughout our state. The overwhelming priority of ACA in these current health special circumstances, as with any situation, is the safety and protection of our cadets and staff members. We have received tremendous support and guidance from our state and local officials, with specific guidance from Governor Beshear. Within this guidance we feel that the best course of action at this time to ensure the continued safety to our cadets, is to temporarily suspend unnecessary interactions between cadets and outside individuals.

This will include postponements of the following:

- March 21st Family Day event
- Onsite birthday or family visits
- Class 016 mentor trainings
- Events that would include on site involvements within the ACA facility from general/non-essential public

These events will be reinstated when current guidance and government officials' mandates allow. We understand the immediate inconvenience and disappointment that this action will create, but we ask that you extend in this collaboration effort to ensure the prolonged safety of each cadet and staff member. Our administration and leadership have enacted protocols to ensure that the mission of their enrollment is not diminished, and we are confident in our ability to meet and exceed the challenge that is currently presented.

We want to ensure our ACA families and partners that we are well prepared to handle the circumstances that are facing our communities today. Specific plans are in place to ensure continued and supported daily Academy operations.

Cadets have receive specialized instruction and schedule changes that will continue to create a thriving atmosphere and one that will sustain the overall morale of the cadets. Each cadet is prospering and continuing to achieve the individual goals of their ChalleNGE experience, and we look forward to their continued success.

We once again apologize for the suspension of these events, especially the March 21st Family Day Event. This is one of the first milestone events of our cadets' journey, and undoubtedly will bring about disappointment for all parties involved. However, we are confident that these aggressive and proactive measures will provide the best course of action to ensure the well-being of our cadets and staff. We ask that everyone be kind, patient, and understanding while keeping in mind, as discussed on intake day, that we are all on the same team – with the same goals for your children/our cadets. Everyone's safety, health, and well-being remain as our TOP priority.

ACA staff members will be contacting each family today to further discuss our plan of action moving forward.

Respectfully,

Josh Coldiron
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