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From USAFA:

The Air Force Academy is seeing a downward trend in the number of new cases of H1N1 and flu-like symptoms.

As of today, exactly 100 basic cadet trainees have been returned to duty, and are back with their squadrons in Jacks Valley and continuing their training.

The Air Force Academy noticed an increase last week in cadets exhibiting influenza-like illness, and took action to separate, test and treat that group of cadets. Those cadets are receiving medical care from the Air Force Academy Clinic, and were isolated to limit the spread of a potential air-borne virus.

As of today, the number of cadets in isolation has also dropped, to 93. All are being treated by Academy medical personnel.

Zero cadets have been hospitalized as a result of the H1N1 virus or flu-like symptoms. All cases are mild to moderate.

There have also been questions about the basics being able to complete Basic Cadet Training (BCT). We inform each basic of his/her training status when they arrive in isolation, and let them know that we'll work with them. We will continue to reassure the basics that they will be able to meet all requirements for BCT this summer. We have also begun some academic training for those in isolation, so that they will be able to keep up on as much as possible.

In the meantime, the remainder of the cadets remain in basic training, which is an environment where they have zero telephone privileges at this time.

Basic cadets with Influenza-like illness are being treated and cared for. All are expected to make a full recovery and successfully complete basic cadet training. The Commandant of Cadets and his senior staff have are visiting the basics on a regular basis.

Rest assured that your sons' and/or daughters' health and wellness are a priority here at the Academy.

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