January – Feb. 5, 2021:

Return to Post and COVID Testing

Cadets will return to post in a phased approach from 12 January through 19 January. During this time, all cadets will return to post via the Jordans Point entrance and be tested upon arrival to limit the spread of COVID-19 among the Corps. The rapid antigen test will be used. Carpooling is strongly discouraged for the return to post.

If a cadet tested positive for COVID on 20 October or later through an off-post test, please email a copy of your results to infirmary@vmi.edu as soon as possible, no later than 6 January. No additional testing will be required. Cadets who tested positive on 20 October or later at the VMI infirmary do not need to provide test results.

As cadets prepare for their return, please take the following actions:

1. Self-quarantine 14 days before your scheduled return date.
2. Complete the LiveSafe app daily. This is a way to ensure you are paying close attention to your health on a daily basis.
3. Review all emails from Commandant’s staff regarding return sign-ups and other guidance
4. Bring gray masks provided by VMI, as well extra masks to use. Masks must be solid gray, with no logos, designs, or vents.

Cadets who test negative upon arrival will be directed to barracks for sign in. Cadets who test positive will be directed to isolation, and be provided with all support needed to ensure a successful start to spring semester.

Parents and other guests will not be permitted to enter barracks during drop off. The bookstore will only be open to cadets to prepare for class during this time. The PX will be closed. The Marshall Hall parking lot will be closed 12 January through 19 January to accommodate the testing process. Any cadets reporting outside their assigned times due to unforeseen circumstances should contact the Commandant’s staff for instructions.

Specific details regarding return to post and the testing process can be found in the FRAGO #4 (Spring 2021 Reception and Testing Plan) to OPLAN [updated Jan. 11, 2021]. Once you have reviewed this document, any further questions can be sent to Col. Jay Williams at EmergencyManager@vmi.edu.
Updated Spring 2021 Critical Dates & Events

Return to Post (FRAGO #4)

Phase I - 12 Jan: Designated Regimental Staff, cadet Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT), support personnel (cadets) and guard team return.

Phase II - 13-14 Jan: Designated athletic teams return.

Phase III - 17-19 Jan: Corps of Cadets returns

- 17 Jan: Designated Company Cadre, Rats, and cadets being re-admitted
- 18 Jan: 1st Class, Battalion & Regimental Staffs, and Band Company
- 19 Jan: 2nd and 3rd Classes

Phase IV - 21 Jan: Start of the Academic Program