

Team Army Medicine,

It is with great pleasure that LTG Dingle and I announce the U.S. Army Public Health Center (APHC) COVID-19 Task Force Team, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland as the winner of the Army Medicine Annual Wolf Pack Award for Fiscal Year 2021.

Competition was extremely close between all of this year's quarterly winners: 1QFY21, Additive Manufacturing Working Group (AMWG) Team, Medical Research and Development Command; 2QFY21, US Army Public Health Center (APHC) COVID-19 Task Force Team from Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland; 3QFY21, the COVID-19 Pooled Surveillance Implementation Team, U.S. Army Public Health Center (APHC), Directorate of Laboratory Sciences (LS), located within the Army Public Health Laboratory Enterprise (APHLE), Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland; and 4QFY21, the Strategic Trauma Readiness Center (StaRC) Team, Directorate of Operations, Trauma Services, Brooke Army Medical Center, Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, Texas. All four teams demonstrated exceptional teamwork to achieve extraordinary results. Congratulations to all who competed for a job very well done!

As mentioned in an announcement earlier this year, the APHC COVID-19 Task Force Team was the winner of the 2QFY21 Wolf Pack Award. The team of 39 Army Active Duty Service Members and Department of the Army Civilians developed and implemented essential public health practices including quarantine and isolation, contact tracing, disease surveillance and reporting, epidemiologic modeling and visualization, personal protective measures, and reintegration of personnel to the workplace. This team synchronized a wide spread public health information campaign where information was provided to all Soldiers, Families, and upper echelons of Command to include the Chief of Staff of the Army.

The team produced 19 webpages where the content received 300,000 views. Their team developed 105 information products resulting in 50,000 downloads. They developed a COVID-19 knowledge management system to catalog content produced across multiple scientific communities. This searchable catalog provided information to the community and supported the development of the MEDCOM vaccine communication campaign.

The Task Force Team responded to 1,400 requests for information and received assistance from more than 180 organizations worldwide to fulfill those requests. Furthermore, the team contributed to establishing the Army Public Health Laboratory Enterprise COVID-19 surveillance concept and capability, which now analyzes more than 2,000 samples per week. APHC COVID-19 Task Force Team developed the Army COVID-19 Model for Epidemics (ACME) to quantify hospital resource needs based on the pandemic's evolution, monitoring and analyzing essential metrics through multiple common operating picture dashboards.

In total, the APHC COVID-19 Task Force is a model for public health operations. The management, communication, coordination, and response analysis processes are best practices that will be continually replicated at APHC. Their methodology applies to operations far beyond public health emergencies and infectious disease pandemic environments, and prepares the AMEDD for future operations.

Please join us in congratulating the U.S. Army Public Health Center (APHC) COVID-19 Task Force Team!
The exceptional teamwork and dedication displayed by this dynamic team epitomizes the highest standards of the Army and Army Medicine.

Congratulations team!

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