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## **Tents erected on March Air Reserve Base for backup planning**

Workers erected three large tents on the tarmac at March Air Reserve Base in preparation of any planes that could not land at their primary or secondary destinations later this week. These tents would only be used for medical screening for passengers if their planes were diverted. Because of the time involved in constructing the tents, officials decided to have them in place in case any planes were unexpectedly diverted to March.

This action is in support of yesterday's Department of Defense announcement, which stated the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) requested support for 1,000 people who may need to be quarantined due to the novel coronavirus. HHS officials requested the Defense Department to provide several facilities capable of housing at least 250 people in individual rooms through Feb. 29, 2020.

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