

# U.s. Rep. Pocan: Military bases abroad possibly lack coronavirus test kits

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**Washington, D.C.— U.S. Representatives Mark Pocan (WI-02)** released the following statement after reaching out to the Department of Defense on the lack of coronavirus test kits at military bases abroad.

“We were contacted about a military base, 75 miles from the Iranian border, where a number of military personnel have flu-like symptoms but have tested negative for the flu. The base is only a few miles from a town in Afghanistan with 5 known positive cases for coronavirus.

“We asked the Department of Defense whether the Army has coronavirus testing kits physically at all bases abroad. After following up, they are still unable to tell us yes or no answer—does every military base overseas have current access to coronavirus kits?

“The fact that we cannot figure out this basic answer for our troops serving abroad is very concerning. I hope that the military can get us an affirmative answer immediately.”