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TITLE: Instructions for Personnel Assigned within the Senior Responsible Officer (SRO)
Authority of the Commander, U.S. Army Japan (USARJ)

STATEMENT OF MILITARY PURPOSE AND NECESSITY: This General Order identifies conduct that is prejudicial to good order and discipline, health, and safety of all personnel within the USARJ SRO area of responsibility. This order rescinds and replaces the 5 August 2021 version of this order. As COVID-19 infections remain present in Japan, the following measures and restrictions are implemented to preserve the health of Servicemembers and non-military personnel.

APPLICABILITY: This General Order applies to all individuals subject to military orders who are stationed, assigned, physically present in Japan, and/or attached to the USARJ area of responsibility. It applies to all Servicemembers on USARJ installations and all non-military personnel, which, for the purpose of this order, includes: Department of Defense (DoD) Civilian employees, Dependents, Contractors, other SOFA members (both Appropriated and Non Appropriated Fund Instrumentalities), and Local National Employees (LNE). The Commander, 10th Support Group, is authorized to designate restricted areas for personnel on Okinawa or to modify this order, after approval of the undersigned, to implement decisions made by the Okinawa Area Coordinating Council (OACC).

AUTHORITIES: 10 U.S.C. Chapter 47, (UCMJ); HQDA General Order No. 3, 19 January 1981; Department of Defense Instruction 6200.03, Public Health Emergency Management (PHEM) Within the DoD, 28 March 2019; DoD Memorandum, Use of Masks and Other Public Health Measures, 4 February 2021; HQDA EXORD 225-21, 29 June 2021 (and updates), Secretary of the Army Memorandum, Use of Masks and Delegation of Authority to Grant Exceptions, 24 February 2021; USARPAC Regulation 27-10; USARPAC Order 21-07-003, Consolidated COVID-19 Response Guidance, 1 July 2021 (and updates); United States Forces Japan, Force Health Protection Order, 21-003, 3 September 2021 (and updates); Mask Policy for U.S. Army Japan, 18 October 2021.

PUNITIVE ORDER: This order is punitive. Servicemembers who violate this order are subject to punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) and may face administrative action. All non-military personnel are strongly encouraged to follow these prohibitions and restrictions. Violations of this order by non-military personnel may result in the following administrative actions (as appropriate): adverse employment action, determination that the individual has failed to adjust to the overseas environment, loss

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of command sponsorship, loss of access to installation facilities, debarment, and an early return of dependents.

1. OFFICIAL TRAVEL:

a. All personnel will comply with DoD/HQDA and command policies concerning official travel. Official travel that occurs within Japan, to include Okinawa, is determined to be critical to the continued operations of mission essential functions, and approval of travel is delegated to the first O-5/GS14 level Commander/Director in the chain of command.

b. Travel outside of Japan may be authorized, to include official travel between US Army installations and other installations that have met the criteria of the 15 March 2021 Secretary of Defense memorandum on the conditions-based, phased approach to personnel movement.

c. If a traveler's duty station/origin is certified unrestricted (**GREEN**), the traveler is authorized to travel from and to locations that are also unrestricted without an exception to policy.

d. For installations that have not met the specific criteria and are still designated as restricted (**RED**), mission essential travel or any travel that qualifies under the exception to policy (waiver) category must be validated in writing and approval is delegated no lower than an O-6 Commander/Director or civilian equivalent. This authority may not be further delegated. The list of installations can be found under the "Travel Restrictions" at: [Latest DOD Guidance \(defense.gov\)](https://www.defense.gov/Explore/Spotlight/Coronavirus/Latest-DOD-Guidance) or <https://www.defense.gov/Explore/Spotlight/Coronavirus/Latest-DOD-Guidance>.

2. PROHIBITED/RESTRICTED ACTIVITIES: In order to properly manage the health threat posed by COVID-19, personnel will follow the restrictions and prohibitions contained in the USARJ COVID-19 Activity Guide, which identifies the health risk associated with COVID-19 for a given area.

a. Local leave and pass authority for Servicemembers remains at the appropriate Command level for approval. The authority to approve leave outside of Japan is delegated no lower than the first O-5/GS 14 Commander/Director as appropriate.

b. Personnel engaging in off-base activities will: 1) determine the risk level of the travel destination by using the USARJ COVID-19 Activity Guide available at the website: <https://www.usarj.army.mil/misc/covid19/>; 2) determine what activities are authorized using the Activity Guide; and 3) obtain approval for activities as required. Servicemember travel within 150km of the primary duty station or place of duty does not

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require an approved DA31. However, unvaccinated personnel traveling to high-risk areas require a DA 31. Approval is not required for non-military personnel to engage in personal travel. However, a Travel Risk Assessment must be submitted to the approval authority for travel beyond the 150km radius to any area with a risk assessment of moderate or higher. The form can be found at:
<https://www.usarj.army.mil/misc/covid19/>.

c. Travel through high risk areas in a private or government vehicle, taxi, or other non-commuter transportation, such as an airport shuttle, is permitted for unvaccinated personnel, provided that the driver and passengers do not exit the vehicle while in the high risk area except for in an emergency. Vaccinated personnel will consult the restrictions contained within the Activity Guide for travel through high risk areas.

3. SOCIAL DISTANCING AND MASK WEAR:

a. All personnel must continue to maintain social distancing.

b. All personnel will adhere to the USARJ mask policy. All personnel will continue to adhere to, at a minimum, the Government of Japan (GOJ) mask guidance when off a USARJ installation. Masks will be worn when in public and around others. Wearing a mask is required in all public transit facilities and on all public transportation.

4. MEDICAL REPORTING AND MOVEMENT RESTRICTIONS:

a. All personnel who exhibit COVID-19 Symptoms (fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, congestion or runny nose) must telephonically inform medical personnel and their chain of command, director, organizational leader, or sponsor of their symptoms and follow medical instructions.

b. Restriction of Movement (ROM). All personnel are required to adhere to the directives of medical personnel and Commanders regarding a ROM order, Quarantine, or Isolation. Non-military personnel may be instructed to comply with medical and command directives, including the requirement for isolation if they have contracted COVID-19 (LNEs will only be isolated after coordination with the Government of Japan), and are strongly encouraged to comply with these directives. Failure to follow the instructions provided by medical and command directives may result in a loss of access to all USARJ facilities, up to and including a bar from post, in addition to other administrative actions.

c. Medical or command policies may further limit the travel, movement, and activities for persons under ROM conditions. The current ROM guidance can be found at:
<https://www.usarj.army.mil/misc/covid19/>

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5. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: Commanders at the O-5 and above level are responsible for reporting for their organizations. Leaders and other members of the community who learn of personnel violating this order, ROM, Quarantine, or Isolation directives will:

a. Email the USARJ Emergency Action Center (EAC) within twenty-four (24) hours at usarmy.zama.usarpac.mbx.command-center@mail.mil. The EAC will inform me expeditiously of all such incidents.

b. Email me, and cc the SJA, COL Elizabeth Allen, at elizabeth.f.allen@mail.mil concerning the details of the violation. I withhold disposition authority for all violations of this order. The USAG-J Commander is the designated reporting commander for personnel not affiliated with a chain of command.

6. EMERGENCY SITUATIONS: Emergencies should be treated as such. Any emergency involving potential harm to any individual does not require prior approval or notice to this order. Personnel will report any emergency to their supervisor or to USAG-J for persons not having an established chain of command.

7. UNIT COMMANDER RESPONSIBILITY: Unit commanders shall ensure their personnel are briefed on the prohibitions and requirements of this order.

8. WAIVERS AND AMENDMENTS: Requests for waivers of any provision of this order must be submitted through the chain of command to the undersigned for decision. Subordinate commanders may impose additional restrictions consistent with this order if necessary for good order and discipline.

9. EFFECTIVE DATE: This General Order is effective immediately. It will remain in effect until rescinded by me.



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