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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 March 2022 version of this order. Given the extremely contagious nature of the Omicron variant and the number of COVID cases throughout Japan, in order to protect the force, our valuable local national employees, and the communities with whom we live, it is necessary to take added measures, set forth below.

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; Force Health Protection Guidance (Supplement 18) Revision 1 – Department of Defense Guidance for Protecting All Personnel in the Department of Defense Workplaces During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic, 6 January 2022; Under Secretary of Defense Memorandum, Tools to Mitigate the Threat of the Omicron Variant of Coronavirus Disease 2019 in the Department of Defense, 30 December 2021; Under Secretary of Defense Memorandum, Updated Guidance for Mask and Screening Testing for all DoD Installations and Other Facilities, 1 March 2022; 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 22-002 (and updates).

PUNITIVE ORDER: This order is punitive. Servicemembers that 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 of command sponsorship, loss of access to installation facilities, debarment, and an early return of dependents.

1. 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 COVID-19 precautions associated with a given area.

a. Personnel engaging in off-base activities will: 1) determine the COVID-19 precaution 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.

b. Servicemember travel within 150km of the primary duty station or place of duty does not require an approved DA 31. However, unvaccinated personnel traveling to high COVID-19 precaution 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 precaution assessment of increased or higher. The form can be found at: https://www.usarj.army.mil/misc/covid19/.

2. SOCIAL DISTANCING AND MASK WEAR:

a. Social Distancing: All personnel will continue to maintain social distancing. Social distancing means keeping a safe space between yourself and other people. To practice social or physical distancing, stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from people that are not from your household in both indoor and outdoor spaces. Social distancing should be practiced in combination with other everyday preventive actions to reduce the spread of COVID-19, including wearing masks, avoiding touching your face with unwashed hands, and frequently washing your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

b. On-Installation Mask Wear: Personnel are no longer required to wear a mask while indoors or outdoors on USARJ installations when community transmission in the local area is below the high level as defined by the CDC. Personnel will continue to wear masks in all medical and dental facilities. Personnel on USARJ installations will follow the mask wear guidance on the USARJ website: https://www.usarj.army.mil/misc/covid19/. All personnel performing duties on behalf of USARJ on any other U.S. installation will follow the mask wear rules of that respective installation or facility. Commanders may impose additional mask wear restrictions for the protection of the force.

c. Off-Installation Mask Wear: All personnel will continue to adhere to, at a minimum, the Government of Japan (GOJ) mask guidance when off U.S. installations. Masks will be worn when in public. Wearing a mask is required in all public transit facilities and on all public transportation.

d. Types of masks and how to wear them are in accordance with CDC guidance: https://www.cdc.gov/cornoavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html

3. UNOFFICIAL / NON-DOD SOCIAL GATHERINGS: No more than 25 personnel and social distancing must be maintained for social gatherings both on and off U.S. installations.

4. MEDICAL REPORTING AND MOVEMENT RESTRICTIONS:

a. All personnel that exhibit COVID-19 Symptoms (including, but not limited to, 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 U.S. 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/

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@army.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.mil@army.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. EXCEPTIONS TO POLICY: Case-by-case exceptions to this policy must be submitted by the endorsing commander, through the chain of command, to me for decision. Subordinate commanders may impose additional restrictions consistent with the references of this memorandum, CDC guidelines, or on the advice of competent medical authorities. Subordinate commanders may not unilaterally grant exceptions or exemptions.

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

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