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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, MARFORJ  
COMMANDER, SEVENTH FLEET  
COMMANDER, CNFJ  
COMMANDER, USARJ  
COMMANDER, FIFTH AIR FORCE  
COMMANDERS AND DIRECTORS, DOD ENTITIES IN JAPAN  
ALL SOFA STATUS PERSONNEL IN JAPAN

FROM: COMUSFJ

SUBJECT: Force Public Health Order

1. The 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) outbreak first detected in Wuhan, China, in December has continued to spread throughout China and the world. Transmission is assessed to be via close personal contact through respiratory droplets. It may also be transmitted through contact with fecal matter from infected personnel. This is a rapidly evolving outbreak, with the World Health Organization declaring 2019-nCoV a public health emergency of international concern on 30 Jan 20 and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announcing conditional quarantine for Americans returning from Hubei province.

2. As the U.S. Armed Forces in Japan, we inherently work in close quarters in our operational units, and our personnel are the primary resource for performance of our treaty obligations. Focused on minimizing risk to mission and risk to force health, and in fulfillment of my responsibilities as the commander who has TACON for force health protection, I direct the following:

a. If you have active duty personnel, members of the civilian component, or dependents on temporary duty (TDY) or leave in the People's Republic of China (PRC), ensure they return as soon as possible, as required by Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command. Commands shall screen the TDY or leave status of all personnel to ensure awareness of those who may be, or have been, in the PRC. All contractor personnel on TDY or leave in the PRC should comply with directions from civil authorities, including, but not limited to, the Department of State.

b. Any active duty personnel and members of the civilian component returning from the PRC, including Hong Kong and Macau, shall be kept separate from their unit and military facilities (other than their authorized residence or military treatment facility) for a period of 14 days in isolation/quarantine, the 14 days being computed starting from the day of departure from the PRC. Dependents returning from the PRC are to similarly remain in isolation/quarantine.

c. Any civilian personnel returning from the PRC shall be placed on administrative leave for a period to encompass up to 14 days of isolation/quarantine, starting from day of departure from

the PRC. This requirement to place civilians on administrative leave includes Master Labor Contract, Mariners Contract, and Indirect Hire Agreement employees.

d. Contractor personnel returning from the PRC shall consult with their contractor employer for return to work instructions. The appropriate Contracting Office shall notify contractors that access to U.S. military installations will not be allowed for health and safety reasons to anyone returning from the PRC, for a 14-day period, starting from the day of departure from the PRC.

e. Violations by military personnel are subject to punishment under Article 92, UCMJ as a violation of a lawful general order. Violations by members of the civilian component may be punished in accordance with respective Service disciplinary rules. Violations by dependents may result in administrative sanctions, up to and including loss of command sponsorship and an early return of dependents.

3. Members of the armed forces, members of the civilian component, and dependents (hereinafter, "identified personnel") who have returned from the PRC shall avoid public areas, gyms, and close physical contact with others (other than those in their residence) during the 14-day isolation/quarantine period.

4. Identified personnel will be assessed within the first 24 hours of arrival, and daily thereafter, for the development of symptoms of concern (fever, sore throat, cough, difficulty breathing, nausea, and diarrhea). The assessment will be performed via telephone by a cognizant medical representative identified for this purpose on each U.S. Status of Forces Agreement facility. Contractor personnel shall follow the guidance issued by civil authorities upon arrival.

5. If any symptoms develop, affected personnel will immediately notify their command and cognizant medical department representative. As per the CDC travel health alert notice card, the affected personnel will call ahead before going to a medical treatment facility, informing them of the symptoms and recent travel to the PRC. A plain surgical mask should be donned as soon as possible.

6. Identified personnel may return to their parent unit upon successful completion of the 14-day observation period following departure from the PRC after final clearance from medical.

7. Contractor personnel who do not develop any symptoms of concern in the 14-day period following departure from the PRC should coordinate with the contractor employer for return to work site instructions and comply with further guidance from civil authorities.

8. All commands are directed to ensure identified personnel and contractors report any travel to the PRC or personal contact with individuals who have traveled to the PRC since 31 Dec 19. Command reporting will occur through medical channels to the USFJ Surgeon, [iris.a.reedom.mil@mail.mil](mailto:iris.a.reedom.mil@mail.mil), and the USFJ Medical Planner, [latonya.s.anderson.mil@mail.mil](mailto:latonya.s.anderson.mil@mail.mil), to include negative reports. For persons who have travelled to the PRC or come in personal contact with such persons, the report will include DoD ID number, Command Name, Unit Identification Code (UIC) (if applicable), dates of travel, date returned to home station, PRC province(s) visited, home living details (address, nature of housing, e.g., ship, barracks, apartment/tower, off

base, and number of other people in home), contact telephone number, whether symptomatic or asymptomatic. First reports are due NLT 1200I, 6 Feb 20. Follow-on reports will be submitted every Friday and Tuesday, NLT 1200I.

9. Public Affairs Guidance from USFJ PAO will be provided via separate correspondence. Public Affairs POC is Lt Col Robert Firman, [robert.a.firman.mil@mail.mil](mailto:robert.a.firman.mil@mail.mil), 225-3656. Medical POC is Col Iris Reedom, [iris.a.reedom.mil@mail.mil](mailto:iris.a.reedom.mil@mail.mil), 225-2474. Legal POC is Mr. Dale Sonnenberg, [dale.l.sonnenberg.civ@mail.mil](mailto:dale.l.sonnenberg.civ@mail.mil), 225-7717.

10. This order is effective 1800I, 4 Feb 20, and will remain in effect until rescinded.

  
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Lieutenant General, USAF  
Commander

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