

U.S. ARMY JAPAN UPDATE ON CORONAVIRUS

(Feb. 18, 2020) United States Army Japan continues to closely monitor the current situation involving the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The health and safety of the USARJ community remains the command's #1 priority.

The overall risk of the Novel Coronavirus to the U.S. Army community remains low.

In the next few days, the Government of Japan is expected to release seven USARJ SOFA personnel who were passengers on the Diamond Princess after a two-week plus quarantine.

As an added measure of precaution, the USARJ commander has directed 14 days of additional observation/quarantine.

In accordance with the U.S. Forces Japan Force Public Health Order (Feb. 4, 2020), ALL personnel returning from the People Republic of China are subject to 14 days of precautionary observation/quarantine.

USARJ SOFA personnel will undergo observation/quarantine at their current quarters.

To date, no members of the USARJ community have tested positive or exhibited symptoms for COVID-19 following the 14 day observation/quarantine period. In accordance with guidelines from the U.S. Center for Disease Control, U.S. Health and Human Services, and the Government of Japan, 14 days is a conservative and sufficient observation/quarantine period. Members completing the precautionary 14 day observation/quarantine period that remain asymptomatic are free and safe to interact in the USARJ community.

All in the USARJ community are encouraged to continue to take prudent preventive health measures to include:

- If symptomatic, stay at home and seek medical attention immediately. Before you proceed to the medical clinic, call ahead and tell them about your recent travel and symptoms.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, and/or wear a mask.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and use an alcohol based sanitizer if soap and water are not available.