

7th Army Training Command implements increased COVID-19 response measures for U.S. military community in Bavaria (March 16, 2020)

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As the COVID-19 situation continues to develop, Brig. Gen. Christopher Norrie, commander of U.S. Army [7TH ARMY TRAINING COMMAND](#), has directed the implementation of increased response measures to protect Soldiers, Civilians, Families and Communities within the command's Area of Responsibility.

Consistent with measures announced by the government of the State of Bavaria and effective Tuesday March 17:

- Soldiers residing on-post at U.S. Army installations within the U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach and U.S. Army Garrison Bavaria footprint are restricted from leaving the installation. Travel to neighboring installations is approved only for duty or essential errands.
- Soldiers residing off-post may travel between their place of residence and assigned installation. Travel to off-post facilities within 20 kilometers of the Soldier's place of residence is authorized only for essential errands. All other travel is restricted.
- Soldiers will not visit bars, night clubs, cinemas, pools, spas, fitness studios or similar facilities.
- Commercial restaurants on post will only provide take-out options.
- Commanders will minimize the presence of Civilian employees (to include Local National and Contractors) consistent with the ability to maintain readiness and critical functions. Tele-work will be used to the maximum extent possible.
- Services such as medical treatment facilities, post exchanges, commissaries, banks, post offices, vehicle inspection & registration, pharmacies and dining facilities will remain open but hours may be adjusted.
- Fitness centers and those facilities and services deemed non-essential will be closed until further notice.
- Chapel services will be moved online.
- Screenings at the gates to U.S. installations will continue. Traffic may be routed to select gates.
- All members of our community are strongly encouraged to adhere to the above-listed measures to reduce the potential frequency of COVID-19 transmission within Bavaria.

Consistent with the Uniformed Code of Military Justice, Soldiers will be held accountable by the chain of command for violations of these orders, in addition to any violations of directed self-isolation or travel. Civilian members of the community may be subject to a ban from services and/or the installation for failing to comply with these orders.

Commanders may emplace additional measures beyond those specified here. All emergency services remain in effect within U.S. military installations in Bavaria.

The entire U.S. military community shares the responsibility to limit the potential spread of COVID-19, and are encouraged to follow guidance published by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and the World Health Organization including:

- Social Distancing
- Basic Hygiene
- Self-Isolation

7th Army Training Command and assigned forces remain postured and ready to deploy as directed by U.S. Army Europe and U.S. European Command.