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The Bavarian government announced further lifting of restrictions May 4 to slowly re-open portions of the economy and to lift restrictions on public life. General Order 1A has therefore been rescinded and replaced by General Order #1B, effective May 8. These changes are the direct result of the discipline and restraint shown by all, and the effective governance of Bavarian authorities. COVID-19 remains a dangerous disease and remains present in Bavaria, and it is imperative that all continue to exercise good judgment and strictly adhere to both Army and Bavarian rules.

Our primary goal continues to be protecting the health and welfare of our Soldiers, families, civilians and neighbors. As such, the U.S. Army community in Bavaria should understand we will deliberately lag behind our host-nation in lifting protective measures, and may not mirror all measures.

Consistent with the Bavarian ordinance and enforceable by German authorities, community members will still continue to prioritize reducing physical and social contact with other people, except those in the same household or one other household, to the maximum amount possible. This includes maintaining six feet of physical distancing and wearing cloth face coverings both on and off the installation.

Concurrent with Bavaria's elimination of its "credible reason" restriction, the single-use pass system in place for Soldiers residing in the barracks is rescinded. Soldiers who live on or off post may leave post without a pass.

The previous restriction to 20km from an on- or an off-post residence is raised to 50km, within Germany. Unit chains of command may impose tighter limits or place specific locations off-limits; mileage passes are authorized beyond 50-km but must be signed by a Lieutenant Colonel or above.

The following businesses and facilities remain off-limits to community members on and off-post:

- Indoor seating areas of Restaurants
- Bars, Night Clubs, Dance Clubs and Hookah Bars
- Pools, Spas/Gyms and Fitness Studios, Massage Parlors, Hotels and Movie Theaters

Outdoor recreation activities, including non-contact sports such as golf or tennis, are allowed with family members and one additional non-household member. Team sports or any sport involving a group larger than 5 are still prohibited.

Personnel may not travel with more than one non-family member / household member in a personal vehicle, unless car-pooling to a work or duty location. This is consistent with Bavaria's prohibitions on gatherings and maintaining social distancing.

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Although Bavaria has outlined plans for schools and child-care facilities to re-open, Department of Defense Educational Activity schools will remain virtual for the rest of the school year. Child Development Centers remain closed at this time.

For more information on which services on U.S. Army installations in Bavaria are open, please check the U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach and Bavaria websites, respectively.

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