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GENERAL ORDER NUMBER 1: COVID-19 Pandemic Personal Conduct General Order under the Authority of the III Corps and Fort Hood Commander

PURPOSE. This General Order provides guidance regarding COVID-19 related travel restrictions and the wearing of masks.

AUTHORITY. 10 U.S.C. Chapter 47 (Uniform Code of Military Justice); Army Regulation 600-20; Memorandum, Secretary of Defense, 4 February 2021, Subject: Use of Masks and Other Public Health Measures; Memorandum, Secretary of the Army, 24 February 2021, Subject: Use of Masks and Delegation of Authority to Grant Exceptions; Memorandum, Under Secretary of Defense, 22 June 21, Subject: FHPG (Supplement 17) Revision 1 – DoD Guidance for the Use of Masks, PPE, and NPI during the COVID-19 Pandemic; Memorandum, Deputy Secretary of Defense, 28 July 2021, Subject: Updated Mask Guidelines for all DoD Installations and Other Facilities; FRAGO 2 to HQDA EXORD 225-21 COVID-19 Steady State Operations, 30 July 2021.

APPLICABILITY. This General Order applies to all individuals while located on Fort Hood and all Fort Hood personnel performing official duties off post.

1. BACKGROUND. On 28 July 2021, the Department of Defense (DoD), published updated guidance regarding the wear of masks in DoD facilities. On 30 July 2021, HQDA published additional implementing guidance related to COVID-19.

2. STATEMENT OF MILITARY PURPOSE AND NECESSITY. Vigilance and mitigation efforts are still necessary to maintain readiness and protect the Fort Hood community from the spread of COVID-19. The most important public health action to end the pandemic remains increasing the number of vaccinated personnel. COVID-19 vaccination saves lives, prevents illness, and reduces the spread of COVID-19.

3. COMMANDER/SUPERVISOR/INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITIES.

a. Commanders will verify the vaccination status of military personnel using the Medical Protection System (MEDPROS) and direct questioning. Military personnel should be prepared to show proof of vaccination (CDC vaccination card or other medical documentation) if unmasked on post. Commanders or supervisors may not inquire about or verify the vaccination status of DA Civilian employees. Unmasked DA Civilian employees may be asked to confirm vaccination status only if the commander or supervisor has a reasonable basis to believe the unmasked employee has not been fully vaccinated, based on reliable evidence such as firsthand knowledge of voluntary employee statements.

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b. Commanders will test unvaccinated personnel IAW DoD and/or installation directives and may require personnel who are unable or unwilling to attest to their vaccination status to wear a mask, physically distance, comply with a regular testing requirement, and be subject to official travel restrictions.

c. DA Civilians and Contractors performing duties in the workplace must adhere to mask guidelines set forth below. Commanders/supervisors should not use information about a DA Civilian's vaccination status to make decisions about DA Civilians reporting to work.

d. Per mission requirements, unit commanders may be more restrictive than this General Order to implement COVID-19 mitigation measures as necessary to ensure continuity of operations and to maintain a disciplined, ready force using the following variables: mission requirements; testing and treatment capabilities; respect of civic governance; and environmental conditions.

e. Regardless of a Service Member's vaccination status, Commanders and supervisors receiving leave/pass requests will conduct a risk assessment for all Service Members submitting such requests. Service Members should not travel if they display a fever or other symptoms consistent with COVID-19, or if they have had close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 14 days. Service Members will comply with any DoD, Federal, State, and local COVID-19 restrictions at all times.

4. MASKS. Personnel may voluntarily wear a mask when not otherwise required to do so under this General Order.

a. Indoors. In accordance with DoD guidance, dated 28 July 2021, in areas of substantial or high community transmission (<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/>), all Service Members, Federal employees, onsite contractor employees, and visitors, regardless of vaccination status, are required to wear a mask when inside any facility on Fort Hood, subject to the limited applicable exceptions in paragraph 4.c. below.

b. Outdoors. Fully vaccinated personnel are not required to wear a mask while outdoors on Fort Hood. Unvaccinated personnel must wear a mask outdoors on Fort Hood, subject to the limited applicable exceptions in paragraph 4.c. below.

c. Exceptions to Required Mask Wear. In accordance with the Secretary of the Army's delegation of authority to grant exceptions to the DoD policy, dated 24 February 2021, I grant exceptions to the requirement to wear a mask on Fort Hood, and when performing official duties off post, under the following circumstances: (1) when outside and social distancing of 6 feet can be maintained; (2) while executing a graded event during the ACFT; (3) in outdoor situations when mask usage could increase heat-related injury or safety concerns and social distancing can be maintained; (4) for brief

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periods of time when eating and drinking while maintaining distancing in accordance with CDC guidelines and instructions from commanders and supervisors; (5) when the mask is required to be lowered briefly for identification or security purposes; (6) when necessary to reasonably accommodate an individual with a disability; (7) when alone in an indoor living space or office; and (8) when an exception is required in judicial proceedings, as determined by a judge.

5. LEAVE/PASS/PCS POLICY.

a. Approval of Non-PCS leaves and passes for fully vaccinated personnel will adhere to unit standard pass and leave procedures. For unvaccinated personnel, the first O-5 commander in the Service Member's chain of command is the approval authority for non-PCS leave and pass requests.

b. The Exception to Policy (ETP) Approval Authority for Permanent Change of Station (PCS) moves remains at the O-6 Commander level as published in Appendix 2 to ANNEX F (Personnel Service Support) to III CORPS OPORD PW 20-08-0080 (ENDURING CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE). The PCS waiver approval authority will determine restrictions for leave outside of the local area in conjunction with PCS (in excess of authorized travel days). Leave in conjunction with PCS will not be authorized when a Soldier is traveling outside of the United States and its Territories regardless of ROM requirement. Soldiers may take leave prior to departure from losing duty station, but must return to current duty location prior to start of ROM and COVID test, if required.

c. Travel to and from an aerial point of debarkation/embarkation (APOD/APOE) following a negative COVID-19 test result (or medical clearance) will be conducted in a manner that minimizes the risk of personnel being exposed to or contracting the virus that causes COVID-19 during travel. Commanders may authorize necessary leave/travel days for the most direct means of travel. Any personal leave beyond what is needed for direct travel must be taken before administering any COVID-19 test.

6. INDIVIDUAL DUTY/ENFORCEMENT. Persons subject to this General Order have the individual duty to know and understand the prohibitions contained herein. This General Order is punitive for all individuals subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). Any violation of this General Order may result in prosecution under Article 92 of the UCMJ or adverse administrative action. Violations of this policy by individuals not subject to the UCMJ may result in other administrative actions, including a bar from the installation in accordance with 18 USC § 1382. Commanders will consult with their servicing legal advisor when enforcing this General Order.

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7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This General Order is effective immediately. It will be reviewed weekly and remain in effect until updated or rescinded by competent authority.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. P. White', with a stylized flourish at the end.

ROBERT P. WHITE  
Lieutenant General, USA  
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