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TITLE. Orders for Fort Jackson Personnel during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

PURPOSE. This general order identifies conduct that is prejudicial to good order and discipline, health, and safety of all those present on Fort Jackson.

AUTHORITY. Title 10 United States Code (U.S.C.) Chapter 47 (Uniform Code of Military Justice); DoDI 6200.03, Public Health Emergency Management (PHEM) within the DoD, 28 March 2019; Army Regulation 600-20, Army Command Policy 24 July 2020; Military Justice, 20 November 2020.

REFERENCES.

- a. Department of Defense Force Health Protection Guidance available at <https://www.defense.gov/Explore/Spotlight/Coronavirus/Latest-DOD-Guidance/>
- b. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention COVID-19 Guidance available at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- c. Exceptions to Policy for COVID-19 Preventative Mask Wear, 04 May 2021

DEFINITIONS.

- a. Fully vaccinated. Individuals are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after their second dose in a two-dose series (such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines) or two weeks after a single-dose vaccine (such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine).
- b. Isolation. The separation and restriction of the movement of those who are sick with a communicable disease (e.g., COVID-19) from those who are not sick, for a certain period of time (see references for isolation time periods).
- c. Quarantine. The separation and restriction of the movement of those who have been exposed to a communicable disease (e.g., COVID-19) but do not show symptoms, from those who have not been so exposed, for a certain period of time (see references for quarantine time periods).
- d. Restriction of movement (ROM). The limited permissible actions of an individual or group to prevent or diminish the transmission of a communicable disease (e.g., COVID-19). This term may be used alone or in conjunction with isolation or quarantine.

APPLICABILITY.

a. This general order applies to all individuals subject to military orders and stationed, assigned, and/or attached to Fort Jackson, South Carolina. It also provides guidelines to members of the Fort Jackson community not subject to military orders.

b. The provisions of this general order apply to trainees and students (including all officers and enlisted personnel in any Army school on Fort Jackson) when not in conflict with other Initial Entry Training (IET) specific guidance and procedures. Commanders must ensure proper medical screening and quarantine for all arriving trainees and students.

c. Nothing in this order should be construed to limit anyone's ability to seek necessary medical care and/or evaluation for medical clearance.

RESCISSION. General Order #3, published 28 January 2021, is hereby rescinded.

1. **Statement of Military Purpose and Necessity.** Due to the continued threat of the COVID-19 virus and the ongoing pandemic, aggressive prevention, mitigation, and containment measures are necessary. Restrictions and modifications of certain activities on Fort Jackson are essential to maintaining good order and discipline, ensuring optimum readiness of our force, and most importantly, preserving the health and safety of our Service Members, Civilians, and Family Members.

2. **Penalties for Violation.** Any person who refuses to obey or otherwise violates an order during this declared public health emergency may be detained. Those not subject to the UCMJ may be detained until civil authorities can respond and may be temporarily or permanently barred from Fort Jackson, and/or may be subject to other disciplinary actions. Those subject to military law may be charged with a crime under the UCMJ for violation of the procedures, protocols, provisions, or orders issued in conjunction with this public health emergency.

3. **Students and Trainees.**

a. All BCT Trainees must adhere to the "2+8" training model. All BCT drill sergeants and cadre are responsible for ensuring compliance by Trainees.

b. Unless given more restrictive guidance by their commands, all other students on Fort Jackson (including those in Basic Officer Leaders Course, Captain's Career Course, Drill Sergeant Academy, etc.) must restrict their movements on post during their first 14 days after arrival to Fort Jackson.

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(1) They are prohibited from going to the gyms, bowling alleys, standalone restaurants (Burger King, Popeye's, Starbucks, etc.), or the food court. They may individually go to the Post Exchange or Commissary for essential items, and may utilize drive-thru, delivery, or pick-up services at on and off-post vendors, consistent with paragraph 4 below. They may also conduct individual physical training outdoors, including walking, running, or other forms of individual outdoor exercise. Otherwise, they are restricted to their rooms or quarters and places of instruction during this initial restriction of movement period.

(2) Fully vaccinated students, and those who meet the definition of paragraph 4.d. below, are not subject to the restrictions listed above after providing proof of status upon unit processing; they must still abide by the public health and safety protocols outlined.

c. The following are approved exceptions to paragraph 3.b:

(1) PME Courses (CCC/WOAC/RCCC/RWOAC/WOILE): 3-day ROM with 7-day restriction for TDY personnel.

(2) PME Courses (ALC/SLC): 7-day ROM with 7-day restriction.

(3) IMT Courses (BOLC/WOBC): 7-day ROM with 7-day restriction.

(4) AIT Courses (AIT/MOS-T/Postal/STO): 7-day ROM with 7-day restriction (no ROM for Fort Jackson and sterile transportation Soldiers).

(5) Installation reduces ROM for permanent party arrivals to 7 days and no ROM if vaccinated.

4. Directives.

a. All personnel shall familiarize themselves and comply with the guidance in references a and b (DoD and CDC COVID-19 guidance). Where local installation force health protection (FHP) measures are more restrictive than those in the references, comply with the local FHP measures.

b. For military personnel, face masks must be properly worn, neat in appearance, and consistent with the guidance in reference c and Army Regulation 670-1, or similar service regulation, as applicable. Masks may not be made from military uniforms due to chemicals imbedded in the material.

c. All personnel who believe they have been in direct physical contact with anyone who is confirmed positive for COVID-19, or if they begin to have symptoms of COVID-

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19 themselves, must immediately report this information to the Moncrief Army Health Clinic (MAHC) nurse case manager at (803) 429-5046 and/or their primary care manager, and their chain of command. Civilian employees must notify their supervisors. If symptoms become severe, contact 911 to facilitate screening and care by medical personnel.

d. Personnel who have been fully vaccinated or personnel who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 90 days and have been medically cleared to return to the worksite are not required to quarantine or ROM, even if they have been in close contact with someone who is suspected or confirmed to be infected with COVID-19, provided they remain asymptomatic.

e. All personnel confirmed positive for COVID-19 will isolate under ROM in designated on-post facilities or their off-post residences for a period of no less than 10 days as directed by medical and public health authorities. These personnel shall also inform the Moncrief Army Health Clinic (MAHC) nurse case manager at (803) 429-5046.

f. Graduation ceremonies remain by-invitation events under the direction of an O-6 commander. Specific protocols and procedures for graduation ceremonies will be updated periodically and distributed through OPORDs and FRAGOs.

5. Prohibited Activities.

a. Engaging in any social gathering that would violate CDC social distancing and mask protocols, such as block parties, house parties, barracks parties, etc.

b. Hosting visitors who have been recently exposed to COVID-19 or are experiencing any symptoms in on-post residences.

c. Entering on-post quarantine or isolation facilities, except for those who are in quarantine or isolation, and for those assigned duties by me or my designees.

d. Entering another's barracks room, unless conducting an assigned task on behalf of the command (e.g., health and welfare inspection, providing medical care).

e. Conducting physical training in large groups or mass formation, except for units executing physical training within their unit footprints. Any unit physical training must retain six-foot social distancing, proper mask use, and include frequent hand hygiene and disinfection of any equipment used. Outdoor activity is recommended when possible. The restrictions in this paragraph do not apply to units that train as isolated cohorts, such as basic training platoons.

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f. Hosting non-ID cardholders in/into work-related facilities or other facilities currently approved for beneficiary access only.

g. Visitors and guests of Fort Jackson are prohibited from training areas unless coordinated through an O-6 commander. Exceptions are official visits or functions with a military objective designated by me.

h. Indoor team sports are prohibited. Outdoor sports where six-foot social distances are maintained may be allowed. For example, individual lap swimming and outdoor golf and tennis may be permitted, provided that social distancing is maintained. However, contact team sports such as basketball, football, and soccer remain prohibited.

6. Travel Restrictions.

a. There are no restrictions on ordinary leave approval. Leave will be approved in accordance with AR 600-8-10 with the exception of international travel, which must be approved by the Commanding General.

b. For all personnel, official travel will be approved only in accordance with Secretary of Defense Memo, "Update to Conditions-based Approach to Coronavirus Disease 2019 Personnel Movement and Travel Restrictions," 16 March 2021, and any updates or replacements for that memo.

c. Personnel who meet the criteria outlined in paragraph 4.d. above are not required to conduct a mandatory ROM unless directed by an O6 commander upon return from authorized leave.

d. Inbound PCS personnel who do not meet criteria in paragraph 4.d. above will conduct a mandatory ROM and complete inprocessing when that ROM is complete.

e. Outbound OCONUS PCS personnel will receive ROM/quarantine/PCR-testing requirements IAW assignment instructions and may be required to provide proof of vaccination status prior to PCS.

7. Waivers and Amendments. Requests for waivers of any provision of this general order must be submitted in writing by the endorsing commander, through the chain of command, to me for decision. Emergency situations involving possible loss of life, limb, or eyesight do not require prior approval. Subordinate commanders will not impose additional restrictions inconsistent with this general order unless necessary for good order and discipline, or for health and safety, without a legal review and my written approval.

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8. **Unit Commander Responsibility.** Unit commanders shall ensure their personnel are briefed on the directives, prohibitions, and guidelines of this order.

9. **Severability and Modifications.** Individual provisions of this general order may be subsequently modified by me or a higher authority. Rescission or modification of some provisions and does not affect all other provisions, which will remain in force.

10. **Effective Date/Expiration.** This general order is effective immediately and will remain in effect until rescinded in writing by my successor or me.



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