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**GENERAL ORDER NUMBER 3**

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

**PURPOSE.** This General Order adjusts masking requirements for vaccinated personnel, emphasizes COVID-19 related safety measures, and transitions Fort Jackson, South Carolina, from HPCON B to HPCON A+.

**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; Army Regulation 27-10, 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. U.S. Army Training Center and Fort Jackson (USATC&FJ) Restriction of Movement, 27 August 2020
- d. General Order #2, 11 August 2021
- e. Updated Mask Guidance for all DoD Installations and Other Facilities, 28 July 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 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,

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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. This applies to all civilian employees and contractors on Fort Jackson. 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 Military Training (IMT) specific guidance and procedures. Commanders must ensure proper medical screening and quarantine for all arriving trainees and students, regardless of vaccination status, as specified in this order.

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 #2, published 11 August 2021 (listed as reference d above), is hereby rescinded.

**1. Statement of Military Purpose and Necessity.**

a. The recent decrease in COVID-19 cases in the greater Columbia, SC area, coupled with an increased number of vaccinated personnel both on Fort Jackson and in the surrounding community led the command to reassess Fort Jackson's current COVID-19 protective measures and posture. As a result, I have determined that further adjusting certain COVID-19 restrictions is appropriate. Effective immediately, Fort Jackson is operating at HPCON A+. The Declared Public Health Emergency remains in effect.

b. Each year, Fort Jackson transforms tens of thousands of civilians into Soldiers, and then sends those new Soldiers to installations across America and the world. In light of Fort Jackson's unique mission, it is vital that we do our part to contain the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), so that Fort Jackson is not responsible for an outbreak that impacts the Army's ability to defend the nation.

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c. While a portion of the Fort Jackson community remains unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated, and while variants continue to travel through the population, 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 Servicemembers, Civilians, and Family Members.

2. **Penalties for Violation.** This General Order is punitive and individuals may be punished under the UCMJ for violating sections 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. Any individual not subject to the UCMJ who refuses to obey, or otherwise violates, an order during this declared public health emergency may be temporarily or permanently barred from Fort Jackson, and may be subject to other disciplinary actions.

3. **ROM.**

a. U.S. Army Training Center and Fort Jackson (USATC&FJ) Restriction of Movement, 27 August 2020 (ROM memo) (listed as reference c above) is modified as follows: Fully vaccinated individuals are not required to abide by the ROM memo. Additionally, paragraphs 4, 7, and 8 of the ROM memo are rescinded. For personnel who are not fully vaccinated, travel-associated ROM will be 7 days with a negative COVID-19 test. Those under ROM may break ROM for the sole purpose of being tested and then must immediately resume ROM. This COVID-19 test must occur within 72 hours of the end of the 7-day ROM (day 5 to 7 of ROM), and the test result must have returned as negative before ROM may be ended. This replaces the 14 day ROM required in the ROM memo.

b. All servicemembers and DA Civilians who are not fully vaccinated and who have come into close contact with a COVID-19 positive person must quarantine for at least 7 days. Supervisors will contact Ft. Jackson Preventive Medicine at 803-351-6394 if further guidance is needed. Close contact is defined as being within 6 feet of a COVID-19 positive person for fifteen minutes within a 24-hour period, regardless of masking status. The fifteen minutes can be non-consecutive.

c. For all not fully vaccinated servicemembers and DA Civilians who have traveled outside of the local area, defined as 250 miles from Fort Jackson, Battalion Commanders, or civilian supervisor equivalent, will conduct risk-based screening to determine if a ROM is necessary, and as indicated by current local/state guidance. If the risk-based screening indicates that a ROM is necessary, the ROM will be performed in accordance with the ROM memo, and in compliance with all applicable DOD and service guidance.

d. Servicemembers reporting for schooling and/or training, regardless of vaccination status, must contact the school/training command prior to their arrival on Fort Jackson and follow the ROM requirements of the respective school/training command.

#### **4. Testing.**

a. Those who are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 who attend large official Ft. Jackson events, defined as events where 50 people or more will be present, including IET graduation, are required have a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours of the event.

b. Servicemembers and DA/DoD Civilians who are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and who work in federal buildings on Ft. Jackson are required to have weekly COVID-19 testing.

c. DA/DoD contractors who are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and who work in federal buildings on Ft. Jackson are required to have weekly COVID-19 testing. DA/DoD contractors who are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and who do not regularly access federal buildings on Ft. Jackson are required to have a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours of entering any federal building on Ft. Jackson.

#### **5. Directives.**

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

b. In accordance with updated CDC guidance and reference e, all individuals, regardless of vaccination status, are required to wear mask while indoors in any facility on Fort Jackson. Individuals are not required to wear a mask while alone in an enclosed office space. The requirement to wear a mask indoors applies in all common areas of the barracks. The requirement to wear a mask indoors does not apply in single Soldiers' rooms or in the housing area. Personnel who are not fully vaccinated must continue to adhere to social distancing guidance.

(1) Servicemembers will wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status, when traveling on any form of public transportation, in U.S. transportation hubs such as airports and stations, or when traveling outside of the United States. This requirement is extended to DoD transportation assets to include government vehicles.

(2) Face masks must be properly worn, covering the nose and mouth, and be neat in appearance. For servicemembers, face masks must be 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. Novelty or non-protective masks, masks with ventilation valves, or face shields are not authorized as a substitute for masks.

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c. Personnel who are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 will continue to remain socially distanced. Additionally, personnel who are not fully vaccinated will wear masks while in formation outdoors (subject to paragraph 5.f. below).

d. All personnel assigned, in-training, or TDY to Fort Jackson are highly encouraged to practice proper social distancing and mask-wearing protocols while in crowded settings particularly off-post, and to avoid crowded settings where mask-wearing and social distancing protocols are not followed.

e. Masks may be removed in the following circumstances:

- (1) For brief periods of time when eating and drinking.
- (2) When lowered briefly for identification or security purposes.
- (3) When necessary to reasonably accommodate an individual with a disability.
- (4) Any event when the training audience or cadre must wear eye protection.

f. Graduation Ceremonies/ Family Day. Masking is no longer required for outdoor IET graduation attendees. Graduation attendees and Soldiers are required to wear masks during indoor graduation ceremonies. Specific protocols and procedures for graduation ceremonies, as well as mode of travel for trainees to AIT, will be updated periodically and distributed through OPORDs and FRAGOs.

g. Maintaining in-office workforce levels between 75%-100%, as determined by Commanders/Directors based upon mission requirements, is authorized.

h. Meetings, events, and conferences sponsored by the Army with more than 50 participants require approval from the Secretary of the Army or her Principal Deputy. Indoor and outdoor gatherings on Fort Jackson that are not sponsored by the Army are restricted to 50 people or less unless approved by me. Social distancing and sanitation protocols will continue to be emphasized. Family Day and Graduation day are governed by paragraph 5.f above and do not require approval from the Secretary of the Army or her Principal Deputy.

i. Effective 23 November 2021, anyone (military or civilian) seeking to utilize either the Perez Fitness Center or the Vanguard Gym will be required to show proof that the individual is fully vaccinated.

j. All military personnel who believe they have been in direct physical contact with anyone who is confirmed positive for COVID-19, or who begin to have symptoms of COVID-19 themselves, must immediately report this information to their chain of command. Civilian employees in this situation must notify their supervisors. A leader

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from the military personnel's chain of command or civilian's supervisor will contact the Moncrief Army Health Clinic (MAHC) Department of Preventive Medicine at (803) 351-6394 if they have any questions about quarantine protocols for these personnel. If COVID-19 symptoms become severe, personnel will contact 911 to facilitate screening and care by a medical professional.

k. All military personnel who are confirmed positive for COVID-19 will notify their chain of command immediately. Company Commanders, First Sergeants, or Battalion Command Sergeants Major will report all military cases of COVID-19 to the Moncrief Army Health Clinic (MAHC) Department of Preventive Medicine at (803) 351-6394 to ensure contact tracing.

l. All DA/DoD civilian and contractor employees who are confirmed positive for COVID-19 will notify their supervisors immediately. The supervisor will report all cases of COVID-19 to the Moncrief Army Health Clinic (MAHC) Department of Preventive Medicine at (803) 351-6394 to ensure contact tracing.

m. 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.

n. 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.

**6. Prohibited Activities.**

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

b. 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.

c. Individuals in quarantine or isolation in a private residence may not receive guests from outside their immediate household, unless authorized by their command or medical provider. Individuals in on-post quarantine or isolation that is not in a private residence may not receive guests, unless authorized by their command or medical provider.

**7. Travel Restrictions.**

a. Leave and pass approval beyond 50 miles for all not fully vaccinated personnel assigned, in-training, or TDY at Fort Jackson, resides at the Brigade Commander/Commandant level. Additional guidance for personnel who are not fully vaccinated is contained in paragraph 3.b. above. Leave and passes for fully vaccinated personnel will be approved in accordance with AR 600-8-10, with the following exceptions:

(1) Approval authority for international travel of all servicemembers except Trainees, regardless of vaccination status, is withheld to the Brigade Commander / Commandant level.

(2) Approval authority for international travel by Trainees, regardless of vaccination status, is withheld to the Commanding General.

b. For fully vaccinated personnel, official travel will be not be restricted. Official travel for persons who are not fully vaccinated will be approved only on a mission critical basis, as determined by the Secretary of the Army.

c. Commanders and supervisors will establish a means of communication with all Soldiers throughout the leave and pass period and post-travel, as well as prescribing actions for their particular circumstances.

d. 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. Inbound OCONUS PCS personnel will arrange to be tested for COVID-19, 3 to 5 days after CONUS entry, regardless of vaccination status.

e. For international travel, personnel must comply with applicable GCC and HN requirements, to include any country specific ROM requirements. Utilize the Foreign Travel Clearance guide at <https://www.fcg.pentagon.mil/fcg.cfm>.

**8. 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 without a legal review and my written approval.

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

10. **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 does not affect all other provisions, which will remain in force.

11. **Effective Date/Expiration.** This General Order is effective immediately and will remain in effect until rescinded in writing by my successor or me.

  
PATRICK R. MICHAELIS  
Brigadier General, U.S. Army  
Commanding

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