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MEMORANDUM FOR All U.S. Army Personnel, Department of the Army Civilian Employees, SOFA Status and Command Sponsored Personnel, Master Labor Contractors, and Contractors working for U.S. Army Organizations in Okinawa

SUBJECT: U.S. Army – Okinawa COVID-19 Restrictions

1. The memorandum SUBJECT: U.S. Army – Okinawa COVID-19 Restrictions dated 24 July 2020 is hereby rescinded in its entirety.
2. US Army – Japan's General Order Number 1 (GO 1) applies in its entirety to all personnel on Okinawa unless modified below.
3. The following restrictions in this memorandum are designed to maintain good order and discipline, health and safety, and ensure optimum readiness of our Force. This memorandum is punitive for all Soldiers present on Okinawa. Failure to comply by U.S. Civilian employees may result in disciplinary/administrative action and/or a determination that the employee has failed to adjust to the overseas environment. Violations by dependents may result in administrative sanctions, up to and including the loss of command sponsorship and an early return of dependents. While this memorandum has limited applicability to our Japanese MLC teammates, I ask for compliance with the spirit of the restrictions to protect the entire team and your family members.
  - a. All personnel will practice social distancing. Commands will limit in person meetings **not to exceed 10 personnel**, provided social distancing can be observed, and will seek to maximize the use of telework and other distributed methods for mission accomplishment. An ETP for additional participants may be granted by the 10th SG Commander provided social distancing standards can be maintained. In accordance with Secretary of Defense Memorandum dated 5 April 2020, personnel are authorized to wear a Face Covering over their mouth and nose while in uniform (Reference HQDA EXORD 144-20-FRAGO 20 for Army standards on use of face covering). All personnel will wear a Face Covering that covers their mouth and nose in public or when unable to maintain social distancing in the workplace (attending meetings and in workspaces).
  - b. Personnel are **prohibited from patronizing** the following types of off-installation facilities: Airbnbs, non DoD-managed hotels, bars, night clubs, onsens, spas and salons, nail salons, barber shops, tattoo parlors, indoor gyms, and public baths and similar establishments.
  - c. Personnel are authorized to engage in **essential off-base services** and activities such as grocery shopping, gas/service stations, medical or veterinary appointments, postal services, dry cleaners, banking, or other essential business that

supports household functions. Attendance at off base places of worship and religious services is permitted provided it is conducted IAW orders and directives pertaining to social distancing and use of face coverings.

d. Patronage of off-base restaurants is authorized for the purpose of **takeout, carryout, drive-through**. Dine-in, either indoor or outdoor, at off-base restaurants is prohibited.

e. **Travel south of Naha Military Port** is authorized only for official duty purposes. Those that live south of Naha Military Port may commute to and from their place of duty and may shop for necessities in the area where they live.

f. The use of public transportation - bus, train, ferries, and off base taxis - is prohibited. Use of on base taxis is authorized. Use of commercial air to visit the islands within Okinawa Prefecture is not authorized.

g. **All travelers arriving in Okinawa will perform a mandatory 14-day Restriction of Movement**. This includes any intra-Japan travel via both commercial airlines and the Patriot Express. Personnel are required to comply with all orders regarding Restriction of Movement (ROM). All ROM personnel will be given written orders detailing the conditions and duration of their ROM period. All ROM personnel must have a negative COVID-19 test prior to exiting ROM. Exceptions to the intra-Japan ROM requirement may be granted by the Commander, 10th Support Group. Coordinate ETPs through 10th Support Group EOC.

h. Personnel are prohibited from attending any gathering where social distancing cannot be effectively practiced. This includes but is not limited to sporting events, concerts, festivals, religious gatherings, movie theaters, and educational classes.

i. Local leave is authorized. During leave you are still subject to the restrictions stated in this memorandum. Local leave is restricted to the island of Okinawa, and the islands reachable via bridge. Local leave will not be used to circumvent the restrictions on off-installation activities.

j. Soldiers residing in individual barracks rooms may engage in restricted social gatherings for up to four (4) persons. Personnel will practice social distancing and proper hygiene protocols. At no time will the gathering exceed four (4) persons.

k. Service Members and civilians residing in DoD Family Housing or housing off-post paid for by the government may engage in social gatherings in groups not to exceed **10 individuals or two families** provided social distancing and hygiene protocols are observed.

l. Personnel are authorized and encouraged to continue to hike, run, bike, swim, or engage in other on-base and/or off base outdoor physical fitness activities as long as they avoid close contact and adhere to the social distancing parameters. Visiting local beaches and parks is authorized.

m. The utilization of off-post childcare, schools, or like facilities is authorized but highly discouraged due to potential for these facilities to be placed off-limits in the future.

n. All personnel will maintain a contact tracing log.

4. Exceptions.

a. Exception to any of the restrictions requires prior, written approval of the Soldier's Summary Court-Martial Convening Authority, typically the Battalion Commander. Exceptions to the intra-Japan ROM requirement require approval of the Commander, 10th Support Group.

b. Emergency situations involving possible loss of life, limb, or eyesight should be handled as such and do not require prior approval.

c. Personnel will comply with all DoD / HQDA restrictions on travel as well as applicable host nation rules regarding travel, whether personal or official. Local commanders may set more restrictive boundaries; Soldiers will comply with those in addition to the restrictions herein.

5. Unit commanders will ensure their personnel are briefed on the prohibitions and requirements of this memorandum.

6. The restrictions contained in this memorandum are effective immediately and will be periodically assessed to determine the necessity to increase or decrease the established limitations.

7. Point of contact for this memorandum is the Staff Judge Advocate at DSN 315-644-5201.

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