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In recent months, I've published multiple updates to the COVID-19 General Order. The intent of each of these updates was to prevent the loss of life, slow the spread of COVID-19, maintain our operational capabilities, and preserve a sense of normalcy.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the Fort Riley Community has done an excellent job adapting to changes in day-to-day life, coping with hardship, and protecting those who call the Flint Hills home. Although infection and hospitalization rates are declining, <u>COVID-19 remains the deadliest threat to ever challenge our</u> <u>Nation</u>. Each day, thousands of Americans lose their lives to COVID-19, and thousands more are forever changed by the effects of the virus.

As a result of the diligence, discipline, and responsibility displayed by our Soldiers, Civilians, and Family members, the prevalence and transmission of the virus has declined in the local area. For this reason, after careful consultation with disease experts, professional analysts, and community leaders, I've updated the COVID-19 General Order. COVID-19 General Order Update #9 removes many of the restrictions and control measures previously in place to control the spread of the virus. To ensure each of these changes do not result in a resurgence of the virus, it is essential that the entire Fort Riley community continue to exercise sound judgement, individual discipline, and prudent precaution. The specifics of each of these changes are found in the enclosed COVID-19 General Order Update #9.

- **Mask Wear.** Service members are required to wear a mask in any public space or facility, both in and outdoors, on and off the installation.
- 150 Mile Radius. Rescinded
- *Curfew.* Rescinded
- **Restaurants and Bars (Including Aggieville).** Service members are permitted to dine-in at restaurants and bars between 0500–2100. Service members will wear masks in restaurants and bars unless actively eating or drinking. This includes entering and exiting the facility, sitting at tables and bar tops, using the restroom, and during all movement in and around the establishment.
- **Off-Post Gyms.** Soldiers are authorized to use off-post gym facilities. Soldiers will wear masks while in off post gyms, even if not required by the individual gym's policy.
- In-Home Visitor Limit. Increased from 6 persons to 10 persons
- Barracks Room Visitor Limit. Increased from 1 person to 3 persons.
- *Travel and Restriction of Movement*. Service members incur a 14-day quarantine when returning from a high risk area (as defined by the CDC or KDHE).

It is important to remember the virus has not disappeared and there are possibilities of increased spread from new variants if we let our guard down. Each of the changes is contingent on the continued discipline of our Soldiers, Civilians, and Family Members, and the virus's impacts on the local area. As conditions change, we will modify restrictions and mitigation measures to ensure the safety and well-being of our community.

Duty First! People Always...All Else Follows!

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