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**GENERAL ORDER NUMBER 5**

**TITLE:** Prohibited Activities for Fort Rucker Personnel

**1. PURPOSE.** This General Order identifies prohibited conduct that is prejudicial to the good order, discipline, health, and safety of all personnel within the USAACE and Fort Rucker Senior Commander area of responsibility. The purpose of this order is to protect the force, families, the mission, and our local communities by restricting movement and personal contact to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

**2. AUTHORITY.** 10 U.S.C. Chapter 47 (Uniform Code of Military Justice); DOD Instruction 6200.03, Public Health Emergency Management (PHEM) Within the DOD, 28 March 2019; AR 600-20, Army Command Policy, 6 November 2014; Interim AR 27-10, Military Justice, 1 January 2019.

**3. APPLICABILITY.** This General Order applies to all individuals who are subject to the military authority of the Senior Commander at Fort Rucker, Alabama. Family Members, Department of the Army Civilians, and Contractors (hereinafter "Civilians") are requested and strongly encouraged to abide by the above restrictions. Failure to abide by this request may result in denial of access to the installation.

**4. SUPPRESSION.** General Order #4, published 15 July 2020, is hereby rescinded.

**5. STATEMENT OF MILITARY PURPOSE AND NECESSITY.** Due to the spread of COVID-19, aggressive prevention and mitigation measures are necessary to reduce the transmission of the disease. Restrictions on certain activities are essential to preserving the health of Soldiers, Civilians, and Family Members.

**6. FUNDAMENTAL RULES:**

a. Any individual who feels sick, believe that they are exhibiting symptoms consistent with COVID-19, or suspect that they have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, will avoid contact with others, self-quarantine at their residence, and contact their supervisor immediately. Supervisors will notify the chain of command. Service Members will comply with all requests from the Fort Rucker Trace Team as we continue to respond to the threat posed by COVID. Furthermore, Family Members and Civilians are strongly encouraged to comply with all requests from Fort Rucker Trace Teams.

b. Personnel will not travel outside of one hundred (100) miles straight line radius from Fort Rucker without an exception to policy IAW the Fort Rucker Local Area and

Leave Directive, dated 13 July 2020, and will comply with all DoD and HQDA travel restrictions.

c. Visitors are authorized, however any visitors displaying symptoms consistent with COVID-19, or believe that they came in contact with someone with COVID-19, will be reported to the chain of command immediately.

d. Social distancing requirements:

(1) Maintain a separation of six (6) feet distance from all other personnel who are not members of the same household at all times both indoors and outdoors, to include during physical training.

(2) Off post. A face covering will be worn at all times in all off post, non-residential buildings and facilities regardless of whether physical separation of six (6) feet can be maintained from other personnel.

(3) On post. A face covering will be worn at all times in all on post, non-residential buildings and facilities regardless of whether physical separation of six (6) feet can be maintained from other personnel. Face coverings are required on post for all personnel over the age of 2 years. Exceptions:

(a) Personnel are authorized to remove their face coverings on post while seated in a private office or private cubicle with six (6) feet separation. Note - Face coverings are required in all hallways, bathrooms, conference rooms, break rooms/areas, foyers, and common areas regardless of physical separation.

(b) Military students are authorized to remove their face coverings on post while seated in an academic classroom with instructor approval and six (6) feet physical separation.

(4) Air and Ground Maintenance Areas. A face covering will be worn at all times while inside all aircraft hangars and air or ground maintenance facilities regardless of whether physical separation of six (6) feet can be maintained from other personnel. While outside, face coverings will be worn whenever two (2) or more personnel are conducting pre-flight, maintenance inspections, or scheduled or unscheduled maintenance on the same aircraft or vehicle.

e. Barracks. Access to individual barracks rooms is restricted to the assigned occupants and any individuals designated by the command to conduct an assigned task, such as an inventory or health and welfare inspection. At no time will more than three (3) military personnel be present in a single barracks room.

## **7. PROHIBITED AND OFF LIMITS LOCATIONS.**

a. Due to the high risk of infection, personnel will not visit off post bars, night clubs, dance clubs, movie theaters, spas, massage parlors, tattoo parlors, and seating areas of restaurants, both indoor and outdoor, regardless of changes to State and local policies.

b. This list is not all-inclusive and other locations may become off-limits due to force protection reasons if the local situation warrants further action.

## **8. HYGIENE, QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION:**

### **a. Hygiene.**

(1) All personnel should wash their hands often with soap and water for a minimum of 20 seconds, or use an alcohol based hand sanitizing gel.

(2) All personnel should disinfect high touch areas, such as desks, light switches and door handles, no less than twice daily.

b. **Quarantine / Isolation.** Military personnel will adhere to directives from medical personnel including taking a COVID-19 test or entering into quarantine or isolation.

(1) Personnel arriving to Fort Rucker on PCS or TDY orders, or as directed, will be placed in administrative quarantine under Restriction of Movement in designated on post facilities, their on post residence, or their off post residence pending test results.

(2) Quarantined personnel must immediately inform their Chain of Command and/or medical personnel if they exhibit any medical symptoms associated with COVID-19.

(3) Personnel confirmed positive or exhibiting symptoms sufficient for medical personnel to make a reasonable determination of COVID-19 diagnosis will be placed in isolation under Restriction of Movement at a designated location until cleared to return to duty by medical personnel.

(4) All quarantined or isolated personnel must cooperate with the directives of the Garrison Commander, his designees, and medical personnel, including any directives concerning the virus monitoring process. The GC's directives will be in accordance with all applicable laws, regulations, and public health and safety policies.

(5) Personnel quarantined or isolated in on-post facilities will follow all directives concerning conduct within the facility, to include any limitations concerning contact with other quarantined or isolated personnel.

(6) All other personnel aside from those quarantined or isolated are prohibited from entering on-post quarantine or isolation facilities, except personnel assigned duties by

order of the GC or his designee.

**9. EXCEPTIONS:**

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

b. Official travel directed by the chain of command is not affected by this order.

**10. INDIVIDUAL DUTY.** Persons subject to this General Order have the individual duty to know and understand the prohibitions contained herein. They have a further duty to become familiar with and respect the laws and regulations of the state and local authorities regarding COVID-19 prevention. Violations of state and local laws and regulations may result in criminal punishment or adverse administrative action.

**11. UNIT COMMANDER RESPONSIBILITY.** Unit commanders shall ensure their personnel are briefed on the prohibitions and requirements of this order.

**12. WAIVERS AND AMENDMENTS.** Requests for waivers or amendment of any provision of this General Order must be submitted through the chain of command to me for decision.

**13. ENFORCEMENT.** The provisions of this General Order are punitive. Through this General Order, all active duty members assigned to Fort Rucker, Department of the Army Civilians, and non-DA civilians present on Fort Rucker who violate the provisions of this Order, and/or any other future lawful order consistent with a military commander's Emergency Health Powers as described in DODI 6200.03, may be subject to administrative or disciplinary action as available to enforce this Order.

**14. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This General Order is effective immediately. It will remain in effect until rescinded by me.



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Commanding