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**GENERAL ORDER NUMBER 10**

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

**1. PURPOSE.** This General Order identifies prohibited activities 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 to protect the force, families, mission, and our local communities.

**2. AUTHORITY.** 10 U.S.C. Chapter 47 (Uniform Code of Military Justice); Army Regulation (AR) 600-20, Army Command Policy, 6 November 2014; Interim AR 27-10, Military Justice, 1 January 2019.

**3. APPLICABILITY.** This 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 required to abide by this General Order while on the installation, and are requested and strongly encouraged to adhere to these restrictions at all times. Failure to abide by this request may result in denial of access to the installation.

**4. PRIOR GENERAL ORDER RESCINDED.** General Order Number 9, published 15 January 2021, is rescinded effective 8 April 2021. General Order Number 10 incorporates the following substantive changes: a) updates the face covering requirement IAW the Secretary of Defense memo, dated 4 February 2021 and b) outlines exceptions for those who have completed a COVID-19 vaccination series.

**5. STATEMENT OF MILITARY PURPOSE AND NECESSITY.** Due to the spread of COVID-19 and associated health risk, 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 and the overall Fort Rucker mission.

**6. FUNDAMENTAL RULES:**

a. Any individual who feels sick, believes that they are exhibiting symptoms consistent with COVID-19, suspects that they have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, or tests positive for COVID-19, will immediately avoid contact with others, self-quarantine at their residence or travel location, and contact their supervisor. Supervisors will immediately notify the chain of command and activate a Fort Rucker Trace Team.

b. COVID-19 Symptoms. Fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea.

c. Service members will comply with information requests from a Fort Rucker Trace Team to assist in reducing the spread of the virus. Family Members and Civilians are strongly encouraged to comply.

d. Travel beyond two hundred and fifty (250) miles straight line radius from Fort Rucker is permitted when approved in accordance with (IAW) Fort Rucker Local Area Limit and Travel Policy, dated 8 April 2021.

e. Visitors to Fort Rucker are authorized. Any visitor, however, who display symptoms consistent with COVID-19, believe that they came in contact with someone with COVID-19, or tests positive for COVID-19 will be reported to the chain of command immediately.

g. Physical training (PT) is authorized in groups, whether indoor or outdoor, with a physical separation of six (6) feet between personnel. Face coverings are required at any time that individuals cannot maintain 6' separation. Personnel are not authorized to participate in any form of group PT if exhibiting symptoms of COVID or in a ROM, quarantine or isolation status.

h. Social distancing and face covering requirements:

(1) Maintain a separation of at least 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. Exceptions:

(a) When alone in an office with floor-to-ceiling walls with a closed door.

(b) For brief periods of time when eating and drinking.

(c) When facial identification is required for security purposes.

(d) When necessary to reasonably accommodate an individual with a disability.

(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.

(5) 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.

j. 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 ACTIVITIES.**

a. Due to the risk of infection, personnel will not visit on or off post bars, night clubs, dance clubs, spas, massage parlors, and tattoo parlors regardless of changes to State and local policies. These restrictions applies to all, including personnel that received a COVID vaccine.

b. Personnel are authorized to dine indoor or outdoor at on and off post restaurants, but will exercise caution at all times and wear a face covering, except when eating or drinking.

## **8. HYGIENE, RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT (ROM), QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION:**

### **a. Hygiene.**

(1) Personal hygiene is the first line of defense against the transmission of COVID. 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. ROM / Quarantine / Isolation.** The purpose of ROM, quarantine and isolation is to restrict individual movement and contact with others. All personnel will immediately inform their supervisor if they exhibit any symptoms associated with COVID, test positive for COVID, or come into close contact with someone who is COVID positive. Military personnel will adhere to directives from medical personnel, including taking a COVID test or entering into ROM, quarantine or isolation.

(1) ROM. Fort Rucker military personnel who travel beyond 250 miles, such as leave, pass or TDY, will be placed in a 7-day ROM upon return to their residence. Military personnel who arrive to Fort Rucker from outside of 250 miles via PCS or TDY from a CONUS location, Alaska or Hawaii will be placed in a 7-day ROM in designated on post facilities or their on / off post residence. Military personnel who arrive from any OCONUS location other than Alaska or Hawaii will ROM for 14 days per Fort Rucker Local Area and Travel Policy, dated 8 April 2021. During ROM, personnel will remain at home (assigned lodging/residence/barracks), except for the following: seeking emergency services, participating in religious services, acquiring food and other essential items, and conducting physical training indoors, including gyms/fitness centers, and outdoors.

(2) Quarantine. All Military personnel who come in close contact with someone who is COVID positive or who display symptoms consistent with COVID-19 will be placed in quarantine under ROM for 14 days as a precaution as directed by the first O-6 or equivalent Director in their chain of command. Military personnel will be placed in quarantine at a designated location (assigned lodging/residence/barracks) and will remain at that location for the 14 day period unless otherwise directed by the first O-6 or equivalent Director in their chain of command.

(3) Isolation. Military personnel confirmed positive for COVID-19 or exhibiting symptoms sufficient for medical personnel to make a reasonable determination of COVID-19 diagnosis will be placed in isolation at a designated location (assigned lodging/residence/barracks or

treatment facility) and will remain at that location until cleared to return to duty by medical personnel. Personnel in isolation should separate themselves from others, to include those in the home.

(4) All personnel in ROM in IHG or QFAC will adhere to the directives of the Garrison Commander (GC), his designees, and medical personnel concerning personal conduct and the virus monitoring process. The GC's directives will comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and public health and safety policies.

(5) All personnel who tested positive for COVID, isolated, and then met the criteria for recovery will not be tested for COVID for at least 90 days. Additionally, these personnel are exempt from ROM / quarantine requirements for 90 days.

(6) Personnel who complete a COVID immunization series 14 days or more before travel (e.g., PCS, TDY, Ordinary leave) are exempt from ROM/quarantine requirements.

**9. COVID-19 CONSIDERATIONS FOR OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL TRAVEL.** COVID-19 presents special challenges to all personnel traveling. Personnel will not travel if they tested positive for COVID-19, display symptoms of COVID, or are in a directed ROM status.

a. Quarantine Procedures During Travel.

(1) Any individual who feels sick, believes that they are exhibiting symptoms consistent with COVID-19, suspects that they have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, or tests positive for COVID-19, will immediately avoid contact with others, self-quarantine/ROM at their travel location for 14 days, and contact their supervisor. Military personnel will contact TRICARE to coordinate for an evaluation and potential care. An individual's duty status will change IAW ALARACT 053/2020 and ALARACT 029/2020.

(2) Individuals who are due back from travel but are still pending laboratory results for COVID-19 will contact their chain of command to notify them of the situation. Individuals will remain in a quarantine/ROM status while awaiting test results and contact their airline or other appropriate transportation provider to make modifications to their travel arrangements.

b. Isolation Procedures During Travel.

(1) Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 during travel will immediately isolate themselves from others immediately and contact their command. An individual's duty status while in isolation will change IAW ALARACT 053/2020 and ALARACT 029/2020.

(2) Under no circumstances will an individual who is thought or known to be COVID-19 positive be outside of an isolated status or initiate movement back to their home station until cleared to do so.

c. Criteria for release from ROM/Isolation During Travel.

(1) Individuals who tested positive but are asymptomatic – cleared 10 days after positive test if they remain asymptomatic.

(2) Individuals who tested positive and are symptomatic – cleared 10 days after test as

long as it has been 24 hours since last fever (without fever-reducing medications (e.g., Tylenol) and other symptoms are improving.

(3) Individuals who had close contact with COVID-19 positive person – cleared 14 days after last contact with person.

## **10. VACCINATIONS.**

a. Personnel that receive a COVID vaccine are required to meet all hygiene, social distancing, and face covering requirements addressed in this order.

b. On 18 December 2020, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authorized the use of COVID vaccines after careful and rigorous testing and trials under Emergency Use Authorization (EUA). DoD is presently issuing vaccines to various commands and installations across the Army for distribution to prioritized populations.

c. All personnel are encouraged to take the vaccine when offered to protect themselves from COVID and reduce the risk of transmission to others. To make an informed decision, refer to the CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/faq.html>.

d. Personnel who complete a COVID immunization series 14 days or more before travel to or from a CONUS location, Alaska or Hawaii (e.g., PCS, TDY, Ordinary leave) are exempt from ROM/quarantine requirements.

e. Personnel who complete a COVID immunization series 14 days or more prior to exposure to an individual who is COVID positive do not require a COVID test or ROM/quarantine.

f. Immunized personnel who develop COVID symptoms or test positive are required to isolate IAW para 8.b(3).

## **11. EXCEPTIONS TO POLICY (ETPs):**

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

b. The CG is the approval authority for ETPs to General Orders and OCONUS leave IAW DoD FRAL COVID-19 ETP Policy dated 8 April 2021. All requests for waivers or amendment of any provision of this General Order must be submitted through the chain of command for decision.

c. DOD COVID-19 Stop Move Exception to Policy. O-6 CDRs/DIRs are the approval authority for all PCSs and TDYs for Soldiers within their chain of command/supervision. The USAACE Chief of Staff is the TDY approval authority for all USAACE Directorates without an assigned O6 or equivalent Director. This approval authority is non-delegable.


**12. INDIVIDUAL DUTY.** Persons subject to this General Order have the individual duty to know and understand the prohibitions contained herein and be familiar with and respect the laws and regulations of the state and local authorities regarding COVID-19 prevention. Personnel departing the local area will verify travel restrictions for the State/local area to which they are travelling 72 hours prior to departure. COVID-19 Travel information can be found at the

following link: <https://www.coronavirus.gov>. Violations of state and local laws and regulations may result in criminal punishment or adverse administrative action.

**13. UNIT COMMANDER / SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITY.** Unit commanders and supervisors will ensure that their personnel are briefed on the prohibitions and requirements of this order.

**14. ENFORCEMENT.** The provisions of this General Order are punitive. Through this General Order, the following personnel may be subject to administrative or disciplinary action: all Service Members permanently or temporarily assigned to, attached to, or present on Fort Rucker, Department of the Army Civilians, and non-DA civilians on the installation.

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



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