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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: GENERAL ORDER NUMBER 13

**1. PURPOSE.** To define prohibited activities for Fort Rucker personnel that are prejudicial to the good order, discipline, health, and safety of all personnel within the United States Army Aviation Center of Excellence (USAACE) and Fort Rucker Senior Commander area of responsibility. The goal is 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, 24 July 2020; AR 27-10, Military Justice, 20 November 2020.

**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 (DACs), Contractors, and all visitors 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 PRIOR GENERAL ORDER RESCINDED.** General Order Number 12, published 13 July 2021, is rescinded effective 2 August 2021.

**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 continue to reduce the transmission of the disease. Continued adherence to 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.** **The best way to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to protect USAACE personnel and their Family members is to get vaccinated.** Receiving the COVID-19 vaccine remains an individual choice. "Fully vaccinated" personnel are those individuals who are at least two weeks beyond their final dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

a. Any individual who feels sick, believes that they are exhibiting symptoms consistent with COVID-19, or tests positive for COVID-19, will immediately avoid contact with others, and notify their supervisor. Supervisors will immediately notify the chain of command. Any individual who suspects that they have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 will also immediately avoid contact with others and notify their supervisor.

b. Fully vaccinated personnel who come in close contact with someone who is COVID-19 positive, or display symptoms consistent with COVID-19, will be placed in quarantine under ROM

for 72 hours, followed by a COVID-19 test as directed by the first O-6 or equivalent Director in their chain-of-command.

c. 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.

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

e. Visitors are authorized. Any visitors 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.

f. Face covering requirements. Fort Rucker is located in an area with a current, substantial or high community of transmission.

(1) All personnel (service members, Family members, Civilians, visitors), regardless of vaccination status and the exceptions below, will wear a face covering at all times in all on post, non-residential buildings and facilities, including hangars and physical fitness facilities, regardless of whether physical separation of six feet can be maintained from other personnel.

(2) All service members, regardless of vaccination status will wear a face covering in all off post, non-residential buildings and facilities regardless of whether physical separation of six feet can be maintained from other personnel. All others, including Family members and Civilians, are highly encouraged to do the same.

(3) Exceptions to paragraphs f.(1) and f.(2) above:

(a) Fully vaccinated personnel when alone in an office or in an individual, non-shared work station that is separated from another work station by over six feet.

(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.

g. Physical training (PT) is authorized in groups, whether indoors or outdoors. Face coverings are required for all personnel when they cannot maintain six feet of separation while performing outdoor PT in a group. Personnel are not authorized to participate in any form of group PT if exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 or in a ROM, quarantine or isolation status.

h. Inquiries about vaccination status.

(1) Service members. Unmasked, fully vaccinated service members must be prepared to show proof of vaccination (CDC vaccination card or other medical documentation).

(2) Civilian employees. Supervisors may NOT ask unmasked civilian employees, to include all civilians, about vaccination status unless the supervisor has a reasonable basis to believe, based on reliable evidence, that the unmasked employee is not fully vaccinated. The unmasked civilian employees must be taken at their word unless the supervisor has good reason not to. Any supervisor who suspects an unmasked civilian employee of not being fully vaccinated should first talk with their legal advisor and thoroughly document the basis for his/her belief before taking any action.

i. Hygiene.

(1) Personal hygiene is the first line of defense against the transmission of COVID-19. 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 daily.

## 7. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES.

a. Non-fully vaccinated personnel **will not** visit off post bars, nightclubs, dance clubs, spas, massage businesses, and tattoo shops regardless of State and local policies.

b. Fully vaccinated personnel are authorized to visit the establishments mentioned in the previous paragraph and will wear a mask at all times regardless of State and local policies.

**8. RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT (ROM), QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION.** The purpose of ROM, quarantine and isolation is to restrict individual movement and contact with others. COVID-19 presents special challenges to all personnel traveling. Personnel will not travel if they tested positive for COVID-19, display symptoms of COVID-19, or are in a directed ROM status.

a. ROM is not required for fully vaccinated personnel who complete a COVID-19 immunization series 14 days or more before travel (e.g., PCS, TDY, Ordinary leave).

b. During ROM, personnel will remain at 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. Requirements:

(1) Non-fully vaccinated 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.

(2) Non-fully vaccinated 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.

(3) Non-fully vaccinated military personnel who arrive from any OCONUS location other than Alaska or Hawaii will ROM for 10 days or 7 days with a negative COVID-19 test.

c. Quarantine. Non-fully vaccinated military personnel who come in close contact with someone who is COVID-19 positive or who display symptoms consistent with COVID-19 will be placed in quarantine under ROM for 14 days as directed by the first O-6 or equivalent Director in their chain of command.

d. 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 to separate themselves from others until cleared to return to duty by medical personnel.

e. 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.

f. All personnel who tested positive for COVID-19, quarantined, and then met the criteria for recovery will not be tested for COVID-19 for at least 90 days. Additionally, these personnel are exempt from ROM/quarantine requirements for 90 days.

g. 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, quarantine/ROM at their travel location for 14 days, and notify their supervisor.

(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.

h. Isolation Procedures During Travel.

(1) Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 during travel will immediately isolate themselves from others and notify their command.

(2) COVID-19 positive personnel will not depart an isolated status or initiate movement back to their home station until cleared to do so.

i. 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 infected person.

## **9. VACCINATIONS.**

a. On 18 December 2020, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authorized the use of COVID vaccines after rigorous testing and trials under Emergency Use Authorization (EUA).

b. Vaccinations remain an individual choice. All personnel are encouraged to take the vaccine to protect themselves from COVID-19 and reduce the risk of transmission to others. Appointments can be made at <https://lyster.tricare.mil>.

c. Personnel who complete a COVID-19 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.

d. Fully vaccinated personnel who develop COVID-19 symptoms or test positive are required to isolate.

## **10. 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 TDY (except for Alaska, Hawaii and U.S. Territories). 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 CONUS TDYs, to include Alaska, Hawaii, and U.S. territories for Soldiers within their chain of command/supervision. The USAACE Chief of Staff is the CONUS TDY approval authority for all USAACE Directorates without an assigned O-6 or equivalent Director. This approval authority is non-delegable.

**11. 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.

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

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**13. 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.

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

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DAVID J. FRANCIS  
Major General, USA  
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