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TITLE: Prevention of COVID within the Authority of the Commander, 3d Infantry Division.

PURPOSE. Due to the continued Coronavirus Disease-2019 (COVID-19) risk to unit readiness and the welfare of our community, prevention and mitigation measures continue to be necessary to reduce the transmission of the disease. In continued alignment with CDC, federal, state, and local health protection guidelines, the following adjustments to GO1 remains in effect in order to maintain the health and safety of our community and ensure the readiness of the force.

AUTHORITY. 10 United States Code Chapter 47 (Uniform Code of Military Justice); HQDA General Order 10-81, Court-Martial Convening Authority, 01 May 1981.

APPLICABILITY. This General Order applies to all Servicemembers (SMs) who are assigned, attached, or performing duties at Fort Stewart (FSGA) or Hunter Army Airfield (HAAF).

1. WEAR OF MASKS ON FORT STEWART AND HUNTER ARMY AIRFIELD FACILITIES.

a. Effective immediately, all fully vaccinated individuals who are at least two weeks past their final dose of an authorized COVID-19 vaccine, are no longer required to wear a mask indoors or outdoors at FSGA or HAAF.

b. Any individual who is not fully vaccinated at FSGA or HAAF must continue to wear a mask indoors and in outdoor public spaces in accordance with DoD and 3ID guidance. Service members and Civilian employees who misrepresent their vaccination status may be subject to appropriate adverse administrative or punitive actions.

c. All individuals, regardless of vaccination status, shall wear a mask in schools, child development centers, correctional facilities and health care settings, including hospitals, medical, dental, and veterinary facilities, and COVID-19 vaccination sites where masks must continue to be worn.

d. The CDC requires all individuals, regardless of vaccination status, to wear a mask on public conveyances (i.e. planes, water transport, buses, trains, taxis, ride-shares) traveling into, within, or out of the United States, and in U.S. transportation hubs such

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as airports and stations. This requirement extends to DoD transportation assets (including Government vehicles) and hubs, including those outside the United States.

e. Regardless of vaccination status, exceptions to mask wear outlined in the Secretary of Defense Memorandum, (Use of Marks and Other Public Health Measures), 4 February 2021 still apply: (1) when an individual is alone in an office with floor-to-ceiling walls with a closed door; (2) for brief periods of time when eating and drinking while maintain distancing in accordance with CDC guidelines and instructions from commander's and supervisors; (3) when the mask is required to be lowered briefly for identification or security purpose; and (4) when necessary to reasonably accommodate an individual with a disability.

f. Additionally, under the authority granted to me by the Secretary of the Army memorandum (Use of Marks and Delegation of Authority to Grant Exceptions), 24 February 2021, I grant the following categorical exceptions to the wear of masks on FSGA/HAAF, for the unvaccinated:

(1) Physical Training (outdoors): Service Members may take off their masks while conducting physical training outdoors, and must attempt to maintain proper social distancing, 6 feet.

(2) Physical Training (indoors): Service Members may take off their masks only when they are able to maintain proper social distancing, 6 feet, while conducting physical training indoors (i.e. gymnasiums).

(3) Private residences/barracks: Personnel do not need to wear a mask when inside their residences (housing and barracks rooms).

(4) Children: Children under 2 years of age should not wear masks.

g. Commanders are responsible for the enforcement of mask wear within all indoor and outdoor facilities within their command footprint. Commanders and direct line supervisors may ask subordinates whether they have been vaccinated in order to enforce this policy. Commanders and direct supervisors may utilize Army systems of record on vaccination status to ensure appropriate application of mask measures in paragraph 1.

2. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES.

a. **Local Community Orders.** State and local authorities have issued various orders to protect against the spread of the virus throughout their communities. All SMs will read, understand, and follow these orders. **In cases where one order is more restrictive than another, SMs must adhere to the more restrictive provisions.**

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b. Travel and Leave guidance.

(1) For the purpose of leave and pass, the local area is defined as the counties within 150-miles of FSGA. Battalion-level commanders may approve or disapprove local and non-local leave and pass to areas identified as high risk. This may be delegated to Company-level commanders.

(2) Company-level commanders may approve local and non-local leave and pass to areas not identified as high risk.

(3) A fully vaccinated SM is not required to be placed in a Restriction of Movement (ROM) status upon return from leave/pass. Fully vaccinated means the SM is at least two weeks beyond their final dose of an approved vaccine.

(4) For unvaccinated SMs, Commanders at echelon shall consider impact on readiness and mission requirements prior to approval of leave/pass.

(5) The approval authority for high risk leave/pass must assess whether a travel ROM is required for unvaccinated SMs upon return to duty based on based on an assessment of 1) leave/pass location; 2) leave activities (low v. high risk activities, including attendance at gatherings of more than 10 people; and 3) mode of travel.

(6) If a travel ROM is required, the SM shall ROM for 10 days, authorized to be reduced to 7 days with a negative COVID-19 test.

(7) Brigade Commanders are both the exemption and release authority from a travel ROM.

c. Additional Guidance.

(1) While at off-post establishments, all DoD personnel should comply with updated CDC, State and Local guidelines regarding the wear of masks, social distancing, and any other COVID-19 restrictions.

(2) In addition to masks, it is important to continue practicing non-pharmaceutical intervention, including but not limited to: social distancing, where it is prudent for health and safety; frequent handwashing, staying home when sick, and routine daily cleaning of high-touch surfaces.

(3) If unvaccinated no more than (3) persons are allowed in a barracks room.

(4) All vaccinated SMs shall maintain a copy of their COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card in either hard copy or as a photo or document on their phone.

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3. CIVILIAN WORKFORCE.

a. Unvaccinated DoD and DA Civilians will wear face coverings/masks when inside on-post public buildings/facilities and in outdoor shared spaces at FSGA/HAAF. DoD and DA Civilian employees may staff an exception to this requirement through their immediate supervisor to the SMC.

b. Generally, Commanders/Supervisors may not inquire about or verify a Civilian employee's vaccination status. For purposes of determining whether an employee must wear a mask on FSGA/HAAF, an unmasked employee may be asked to confirm vaccination status only if the supervisor has a reasonable basis to believe the unmasked employee has not been fully vaccinated, based on reliable evidence, such as firsthand knowledge or voluntary employee statements.

4. EXCEPTIONS TO POLICY.


a. Commanders and supervisors may make recommendations or request in writing to me exceptions to this general order to ensure a safe and ready workforce.

b. All SMs may depart from these restrictions for emergency purposes. Justifiable emergencies should be non-recurring events involving serious medical or financial concerns requiring immediate action. SMs will immediately notify their chain of command in such event.

5. PUNITIVE ORDER. Paragraph 1 and 2 is punitive. This order remains in effect while Soldiers are off-duty, on leave, or on pass. Violations may be punished under the UCMJ.

6. UNIT COMMANDERS RESPONSIBILITY. Unit commanders will ensure their personnel are briefed on the prohibitions and requirements of this order.

7. EFFECTIVE DATE. Previous versions are rescinded. This General Order is effective immediately and will remain in effect until rescinded.



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