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GENERAL ORDER NUMBER 1

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Public Health Measures for Personnel within USAG Wiesbaden (USAG-W) under the Authority of the Senior Responsible Officer (SRO)

AUTHORITY. Article 11, NATO Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA), 19 June 1951; 19 June 1951; Article 54, Supplemental Agreement to NATO Status of Forces Agreement, 29 March 1998; 10 U.S.C. Chapter 47 (Uniform Code of Military Justice); HQDA General Order No. 2008-01, General Court-Martial Convening Authority, 11 March 2008; Army in Europe Regulation (AER) 10-5, Organizations and Functions, 5 December 2019; AER 27-9, Misconduct by Civilians, 22 November 2011; AER 27-10, Military Justice and Legal Services, 19 August 2014.

APPLICABILITY. This General Order applies to all individuals stationed, assigned, attached and/or present on military installations within USAG-W SRO area of responsibility, to include Service Members, Department of Defense and Department of the Army Civilians, Family Members, other affiliated personnel, and those present on, or seeking access to, the military installations of USAG-W. This General Order supersedes General Order Number 1, amended 1 April 2022, until further notice.

- 1. STATEMENT OF MILITARY PURPOSE AND NECESSITY. This General Order identifies conduct that is prejudicial to the good order, discipline, readiness, health, and safety of all personnel within USAG-W for preventing the spread of COVID-19. These restrictions on activities are essential to preserving mission readiness and the health of Service Members, Civilians and Families affiliated with USAG-W.
- 2. PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES. Public health measures, to include restrictions on travel and freedom of movement enacted by host nation governments in response to COVID- 19, will be obeyed both on and off military installations. Public Health may direct additional individual testing if deemed necessary for public safety. Personnel subject to this General Order may utilize any Host Nation (HN) business or establishment that is lawfully operating in accordance with HN rules.

a. Restriction of Movement (ROM).

(1) Service members, civilians, family members, and contractors are restricted to their residence or an appropriate ROM facility for no less than 5 days, when: (1) symptomatic and in known close contact with someone that is COVID-19 positive (this type of ROM is referred to as quarantine); (2) in receipt of positive test results for COVID-19 (this type of ROM is referred to as isolation); or (3) having traveled from or through any location identified as an area of variant concern for which the HN requires a period of ROM (the length of this type of ROM is determined by the HN).

(2) Exceptions to ROM requirements in the paragraphs above are listed below in paragraph 2.c.

b. COVID-19 Positive Cases.

- (1) Service members, civilians, family members, and contractors who test positive for COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status, will ROM and remain out of the workplace for no less than five (5) days with day 0 being the date the test was conducted by medical professionals. Individuals may return to the workplace after five (5) days if they are asymptomatic and afebrile for more than 24 hours without fever reducing medication.
- (2) Personnel who test positive via self-test must complete a confirmatory test conducted by medical professionals.
- (3) Mask wear must continue in all DoD facilities for an additional five (5) days after ROM, even if mask wearing is not otherwise required by DoD guidance.
- (4) Personnel who test positive for COVID-19 must immediately notify their chain of command or supervisor and the USAG-W Trace Team at DSN 314-548-7223 (please see https://home.army.mil/wiesbaden/index.php/coronavirus/trace-team for current contact information).
- c. ROM Exceptions. Regardless of vaccination status, no ROM is required for asymptomatic close contacts of COVID-19 positive individuals. A close contact is defined as someone who was within six feet of an infected person (laboratory-confirmed) for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period. An infected person can spread the virus that causes COVID-19 starting two days before they have any symptoms or two days before the positive specimen collection date if they are asymptomatic.
- d. Regardless of vaccination status, close contacts must wear a mask around others for 10 days, even if mask wearing is not otherwise required by other DoD guidance.
- e. **Travel**. During all official travel, travelers will follow all applicable Federal, State, local, HN, and commercial air carrier requirements. Travelers will follow any Force Health Protection guidance pertaining to entry, movement, or operations into a HN. Travelers will also refer and adhere to local updates in HN for travel and movement within the HN. No additional travel restrictions are mandated by the SRO in this General Order.
- f. Service Members residing in barracks. Unit commanders will assess health protection conditions in their barracks and ensure policies and practices are in place and enforced to prevent the spread of COVID-19 virus. Specifically, policies regarding visitors, use of personal protective equipment, cleaning of common areas, and the enforcement of physical distancing must be in place and enforced.

- 3. **PUNITIVE ORDER**. This order is punitive. Persons subject to the UCMJ may be punished according to its provisions or face adverse administrative action. Persons not subject to the UCMJ may face termination of employment, revocation of security clearance, and administrative sanctions imposed under AER 27-9, to include revocation of logistical support privileges, termination of access to Government housing facilities, bars to the installation, or involuntary early return of dependents. Host nation civil and criminal penalties may also be imposed.
- 4. INDIVIDUAL DUTY. Individuals subject to this General Order have the duty to know and understand these prohibitions. Individuals have a further duty to become familiar with and respect the laws and regulations of the local host nation regarding COVID-19 prevention.
- 5. UNIT COMMANDER RESPONSIBILITY. Commanders will ensure their personnel are briefed on the prohibitions and requirements of this order. Commanders will further ensure dissemination of host nation restrictions as they are published. Commanders, not below the Company, Battery, or Detachment level (and equivalent grade civilian supervisory leave approval authorities) will process and approve leaves, passes, or other unofficial travel in accordance with this policy.
- 6. **EXCEPTION AUTHORITY**. Exception authority for ROM requirements is the first GO/SES in the chain of command or supervision unless withheld to a higher approval authority.
- 7. **FURTHER RESTRICTIONS**. Unit Commanders have the authority to institute further restrictions in keeping with paragraph 1, "Statement of Military Purpose and Necessity" of this General Order. Any further restrictions shall be submitted to the Garrison Legal Advisor, Military and Civil Law Division USAREUR-AF Office of the Judge Advocate for legal review prior to implementation.

8. **EFFECTIVE DATE**. This General Order is effective immediately. It will remain in effect until rescinded or superseded by a new General Order.

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