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Yokota Air Base COVID-19 Situation Report

Section 1. Summary of Significant Changes (As of 23 March 6:00 p.m.)

REMINDER//Call Ahead: If you begin to experience symptoms like fever, cough and difficulty breathing, call the medical appointment line at DSN: 225-8864 Opt. 7 or Cell: 042-552-2510 Ext. 58864 Opt. 7. DO NOT GO TO URGENT CARE IN-PERSON.

CHANGE//2.6 Travel: Japan is now a Centers for Disease Control Travel Health Notice Level 3 country.

CHANGE//2.3 Base Facilities:

Chapel: All in-person Chapel services have been suspended. Some on-line alternatives will be available. Please check the "Yokota AB Chapel on Facebook for updates.

ADD//2.7 Space Available Travel: Space available (Space-A) travel is now limited to 'category one' (Emergency Travel) only.

Section 2. Current Information

2.1. Base Access: All gates are operating as normal.

2.2 Gate Procedures: There is a change in gate entry procedures. Members will no longer hand ID cards over to security forces personnel but will maintain control for verification and scanning. Once stopped at the entry checkpoint, member presents ID card with photo facing the Security Forces' member. After visual identification is confirmed, flip ID card over for DBIDS scanning. When cleared for entry proceed into the base. Follow SFS personnel instructions at all times.

2.3. Base Facilities

DoDEA Schools: DoDEA Pacific East has made the decision to temporarily suspend school operations from 23 March to 13 April. Please direct your questions to DoDEA Pacific. [Click here for more info.](#)

School Age Care: Closed to align with DoDEA Pacific

Child Development Center: Closed until further notice

Youth and Teen Center: Open

Dining Facilities: Open

Chapel: All in-person Chapel services and mass gatherings are suspended. Some on-line alternative formats are available. Follow “Yokota AB Chapel” on Facebook for updates on services and other Chapel program events.

FSS Activities: The shuttle schedule to Narita, Haneda and the New Sanno is changing. The new schedule will go into effect on 1 April 2020. Please monitor the Yokota FSS website for event updates at <https://yokotafss.com>

Base Exchange and Defense Commissary Agency: At this time, the commissary remains open and has enough resources to accommodate Team Yokota service members and their families. Certain items may be limited to one per transaction (i.e. hand sanitizer, toilet paper rolls, etc.) to ensure access for more individuals. AAFES and DeCA are working closely with their U.S. and local supply chains to ensure hand sanitizer and disinfectant products are available to their customers. Updates will come in-store and across their social media. The commissary is performing 100% customer ID checks. Customers will be requested to present their CAC, dependent, or other form of accepted ID to a commissary representative upon entering.

2.4. Dependents, Civilians, MLCs: DoD Civilians and Japanese National Employees must adhere to “sick leave” policies. Work with supervisors for “administrative leave” and alternate schedules/telework due to COVID-19 related Japanese School Closures, etc.

2.5. Reporting Directions: Report to your place of duty as usual. **If you are sick, stay home.** Those who are experiencing symptoms like fever, cough and difficulty breathing, are directed to report this information to their chain of command and to call the medical appointment line at DSN: 225-8864 Opt. 7 or Cell: 042-552-2510 Ext. 58864 Opt. 7. **DO NOT GO TO URGENT CARE IN-PERSON.**

2.6. Travel: Indo-Pacific Command has issued travel restrictions for all personnel traveling through Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Travel Health Notices (THN) Level 3 and Level 2 designated areas. Currently, Level 3 countries include Japan, Australia, Canada, Brazil, Israel, Malaysia, China, South Korea, Iran, United Kingdom, Ireland, and most European countries. All other countries are considered a Level 2, with the exception of the U.S., which does not have a level assigned. Everyone is encouraged to check the CDC website for Travel Health Notices Level updates, which is subject to change: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notice.html>. Any contractor employee or other person visiting or normally working on a U.S. facility and area, who has been in a CDC Designated Level 2 or Level 3 location is not permitted entry into a U.S. facility or area for a period of 14 days (starting from the day of departure from a CDC Designated Level 2 or Level 3 location). Contractor personnel should consult with their Contractor employer if they meet any criteria for restriction of movement/isolation and/or quarantine.

Exceptions for DoD personnel: Approval authority for exceptions to policy for all forms of official travel to CDC Designated Level 3 and Level 2 locations (for DoD uniformed personnel this includes leave and any non-official travel) is the first general officer of flag officer in your chain of command. For Yokota Air Base, the authority is the vice commander, 5th Air Force. Exceptions may be granted for compelling cases where the travel is determined to be mission

essential, necessary for humanitarian reasons, or warranted due to extreme hardship. Mission-essential travel refers to work that must be performed to ensure the continued operations of mission essential functions. Individuals traveling under an exception or exemption are subject to travel screening protocols and must contact their gaining organization. Travel by patients and medical providers for the purpose of medical treatment for DoD personnel and their family members is authorized. Individuals pending retirement or separation during this period are exempt.

Medical Screening/Returning to Japan: Travelers on military aircraft or traveling via shuttle to the Yokota Passenger Terminal should expect a medical screening to include a questionnaire to assess risk of exposure and temperature checks. All service members, U.S. Civilians, and **SOFA dependents** who have traveled to, through, or from a CDC Designated Level 3 or Level 2 country, the U.S. or U.S. territories by military or commercial means to include Permanent Change of Station (PCS), Temporary Duty (TDY) and leave **will** be placed under a 14-day restriction of movement (ROM) and should travel by non-public transportation means to their residence or appropriate domicile. Please check levels at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notice.html>.

Additionally, those who have been in close physical contact with someone who has returned from a relevant location or who has been in close physical contact with someone who has been identified as having COVID-19, or has been diagnosed with COVID-19 will be under the 14-day ROM.

Quarantine/ROM Procedures: Please note that Quarantine and Restriction of Movement only differ in that quarantine is a medical term. During the ROM starting from the day of departure from the Level 3 or Level 2 country, the U.S. or U.S. territories, service members will be restricted to their residence or other appropriate location for 14 days and limit close contact (within 6 feet or 2 meters) with others during this 14-day period. Service members should self-monitor by taking their temperatures twice a day to check for fever, and remain alert for cough or difficulty breathing. If they develop symptoms, they should self-isolate, limit contact with others, notify their supervisor or chain of command, and seek advice by telephone from the appropriate healthcare provider to determine whether medical evaluation is needed. Service members should call the medical appointment line before going to the Medical Group or Urgent Care at DSN: 225-8864 Opt. 7 or Cell: 042-552-2510 Ext. 58864 Opt. 7.

Japan, Australia, Canada, Brazil, Israel, Malaysia, South Korea, Iran, U.K., Ireland, Most of Europe (CDC Designated Level 3) – Effective March 13, 2020, all DoD uniformed personnel, civilian personnel and family members traveling to, from, or through Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Travel Health Notices Level 3 for COVID-19, will STOP MOVEMENT for the next 60 days. This includes all forms of official travel, to include Permanent Change of Station (PCS), Temporary Duty (TDY), and government funded leave. For uniformed personnel, this includes personal leave and other non-official travel. DoD travelers should carefully plan travel to ensure their scheduled flights DO NOT transit through or originate in Level 3 designated locations. DoD civilian employees, contractor personnel and family members are highly encouraged to restrict their movement to areas in Japan. Family members and civilian personnel ARE authorized travel by their own means to the U.S., U.S. territories, and CDC Designated Level 2 countries; however, they will be under the 14-day ROM outlined

above upon their return to Japan. Similarly, those who travel to the U.S., including DoD uniformed personnel traveling under an exception will be under a ROM upon arrival to the U.S. Everyone is encouraged to check the CDC website for Travel Health Notices Level updates, which are subject to change: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notice.html>.

Leave-TDY-PCS: Indo-Pacific Command has issued travel restrictions for all personnel traveling through Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Travel Health Notices (THN) Level 3 and Level 2 designated areas.

Ordinary Leave: ~~Leave outside mainland (Honshu) Japan is not authorized.~~ Leave outside Japan is not authorized. Leave outside mainland (Honshu) Japan requires approval by the first O-6 in your chain of command.

Inbound TDY: Travel deemed mission essential to Japan requires 5 AF/CV approval. Coordinate with your chain of command for exceptions. Those traveling from CDC Designated Level 2 countries and the U.S. or U.S. territories (including intermediate stops) are authorized to return to their home station; however, all are subject to the 14-day ROM outlined above.

Return from TDY: Travel deemed mission essential from Japan requires 5 AF/CV approval. If TDY to or from installations in Japan; travel to home installation and personal residence is permitted. Individuals who are on TDY to CDC Designated Level 3 countries are under a stop movement and are required to remain in place for 60 days unless traveling under an exception. If TDY to a CDC Designated Level 2 country and the U.S., individuals are under a stop movement and must receive general-officer approval to Japan and are subject to the 14-day ROM outlined above.

Inbound/Outbound PCS: PSCing to Japan is not authorized at this time due to the stop movement placed on CDC Designated Level 3 countries. Leave enroute: at this time is not authorized for any category of move. Exceptions to this policy must have General Officer approval.

All personnel are highly encouraged to address their particular travel circumstance with their chain of command.

***This travel guidance applies to all except for air crew of military aircraft. Air crew members should consult their supervisors and/or chain of command in regard to travel restrictions.*

2.7. Space Available Travel: Space available (Space-A) travel is now limited to ‘category one’ (Emergency Travel) only.

2.8. Health Protection Condition (HPCON) Bravo (Moderate Risk Level): The Health Protection Condition for the installation is Bravo, which is defined as the existence of “...a moderate disease threat and/or a real risk of exposure to personnel due to a significant outbreak of disease in the local area or imminent spread of a disease to the local area.” More information

is available in DOD Instruction 6200.03, *Public Health Emergency Management within the DoD*.

2.9. Mask Wear: Face masks will NOT prevent you from contracting COVID-19 from others. However, they may reduce the risk of spreading the virus if used properly by those who are experiencing symptoms. The use of face masks at medical facilities is crucial for the safety and health workers and other people who are taking care of those infected with COVID-19 in close settings (at home or in a health care facility). When wearing a mask, do not neglect other essential preventative measures. If you feel it is necessary you are permitted to wear a mask in uniform as you see fit. Wash your hands before and after touching your mask. Complete surgical mask instructions can be found the World Health Organization website.

2.10. On-Base Gatherings: As directed by HPCON Bravo, all personnel should consider limiting or cancelling meetings, training events, formations, large social gatherings, etc. As per the DoDI, AFI 10-245 and Yokota AB IDATP, mass gatherings of 300 or more must be reported to the Anti-Terrorism Program Manager for a vulnerability assessment. If you plan to hold an event in the near future, please contact your unit anti-terrorism representative or call the Anti-Terrorism Office at DSN 225-6344.

Section 3. Highlights/Preventive Measures

U.S. Forces Japan has directed Health Protection Condition Bravo associated with the COVID-19 outbreak in-country. Yokota AB is implementing measures accordingly across the installation to ensure the health and safety of Team Yokota. Please avoid misinformation and refer to official USFJ sources regarding the COVID-19 outbreak. Yokota AB is working closely with USFJ to ensure accurate information is available for our community as quickly as possible.

There are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 at Yokota Air Base. We will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as we receive them. If you or someone you know may be exhibiting these symptoms please contact the Medical Group appointment line at DSN 225-8864 Opt. 7. For updates on the coronavirus, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html> or <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public>.

Signs and Symptoms

- ❖ Fever
- ❖ Cough
- ❖ Shortness of breath and breathing difficulties

Prevention/Recommendations

- ❖ Avoid close contact with sick people
- ❖ Stay home if you are sick
- ❖ Avoid touching your face
- ❖ Clean and disinfect surfaces and common use items
- ❖ Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing

- ❖ Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available

Section 4. Resources

Medical Group Appointment Line: DSN: 225-8864 Opt. 7 or Cell: 042-552-2510 Ext. 58864 Opt. 7.

Yokota Air Base Facebook (@YokotaAirBase): <https://www.facebook.com/yokotaairbase>

Yokota Air Base Website: <https://www.yokota.af.mil/COVID-19/>

Yokota Connect App

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