



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
374TH AIRLIFT WING



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MEMORANDUM FOR YOKOTA AIR BASE PERSONNEL

FROM: 374 AW/CC

SUBJECT: Renewed Public Health Emergency and Protective Measures

1. **Public Health Emergency and Health Protection Condition:**

a. Pursuant to Commander, United States Forces Japan's 1 June 2022 Health Protection Condition (HPCON) baseline directive, the HPCON level at Yokota Air Base and Tama Hills Recreation Area is **HPCON ALPHA**.

b. The transmission of COVID-19 still presents a risk to the Yokota Air Base population. Accordingly, pursuant to DoDI 6200.03, *Public Health Emergency Management (PHEM) Within the DoD*, dated 28 March 2019 and AFI 10-2519, *Public Health Emergencies and Incidents of Public Health Concern*, dated 10 December 2019, I have declared a Public Health Emergency (PHE) under my authority as the installation commander. This PHE declaration will remain in effect until **25 July 2022** unless renewed and republished or terminated by me or my successor.

c. The following measures are mandatory for all individuals present on or assigned to Yokota Air Base including, but not limited to, U.S. military members, U.S. civilian employees, dependents, DoD retirees, host nation (HN) employees, contractors, and any person accessing this installation. This order also includes personnel assigned to mission partner and tenant units. Any person who refuses to obey or otherwise violates an order during this declared public health emergency may be detained. Those not subject to military law may be detained until civil authorities can respond. Any military member who refuses to obey or otherwise violates an order during this declared PHE may be subject to punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Those not subject to military law who refuse to obey or otherwise violate an order during this PHE may be subject to administrative action including but not limited to early return of dependents, denial of access, or debarment from the installation.

d. The following measures are effective immediately and will remain in effect until renewed and republished or terminated by me or my successor. I will review this policy at a minimum every 15 days to determine if these measures should remain in place or be amended.

2. **Restriction of Movement:** When engaging in off-installation activities within Japan, SOFA status personnel will follow local community and prefecture guidance. While on military installations within Japan, SOFA-status personnel will follow installation guidance.

3. **Official and Mission-Critical Travel:**

a. In accordance with the Under Secretary of Defense memorandum *Consolidated Department of Defense Coronavirus Disease 2019 Force Health Protection Guidance*, 4 April 2022, fully vaccinated individuals are not restricted from official travel. Individuals who are not fully vaccinated, or who decline to provide information about their vaccination status, are limited to mission-critical travel unless the traveler obtains a waiver from the waiver authority described in the memorandum. Additionally, pre-travel risk assessments are required and commanders should give serious consideration to an individual's COVID-19 vaccine booster status prior to authorizing off-installation mission-critical travel.

b. In accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and United States Forces Japan guidance, **effective 1301 JST, 12 June 2022, pre-departure COVID-19 testing will no longer be required for SOFA members travelling on MILAIR flights bound for the United States.** Travelers using commercial airlines when travelling to the United States should check with the airline prior to departure to determine pre-departure testing requirements, if any.

4. **Leave/Pass:** Leave/pass to a personal residence or in the local area may be approved by a first line supervisor. Leave/pass for military or civilian employees outside of Japan may be approved by their squadron commander or equivalent. Approval authorities are required to conduct a travel risk assessment with the member and verify the HPCON status of a leave/pass location before approving requests. In conducting risk assessments, approval authorities will consider the individual's increased risk, if any, of severe illness from COVID-19; the status of COVID-19 community spread at the travel destination; the traveler(s) COVID-19 vaccination status; and the traveler(s) familiarity with self-monitoring and treating COVID-19 symptoms. If approval authorities have questions regarding risk assessments, they should speak with a public health professional.

5. **Mask Wear:**

a. Mask wear is no longer required indoors or outdoors while on the installation **EXCEPT:**

(1) When inside a medical or dental facility. Such medical and dental facilities will be designated by 374 MDG/CC, and

(2) On all DoD public transportation assets, as designated by 374 MSG/CC. Individuals riding buses, vans, or cars that remain on USFJ installations or travel between USFJ installations (e.g., DoDEA school buses, on-base bus routes) are not required to wear a mask when the COVID-19 community level is low or medium.

Individuals with COVID-19 symptoms, a positive COVID-19 test, or exposure to a COVID-19 positive individual should wear masks until medically cleared.

b. While off-installation within Japan, SOFA-status personnel are required to wear masks in all indoor settings regardless of vaccination status, and in outdoor settings if social distancing cannot be maintained. Pre-elementary (age 5 and below) children are not required to wear a mask outdoors.

6. **Isolation and Quarantine Policies**: In most circumstances, individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 or who are a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, will be able to isolate or quarantine at home after consultation with a COVID-19 medical provider. See the current *Yokota Air Base Restriction of Movement (ROM) Policy* for additional guidance on isolation procedures.
7. If there are any questions on these measures, please consult your chain of command or the installation Public Affairs office at 374aw.pav3@us.af.mil.

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