



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 Protective Measures

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

a. Effective immediately, the Health Protection Condition (HPCON) level at Yokota Air Base and Tama Hills Recreation Area is **BRAVO**.

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. The PHE will remain in effect until **24 January 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.

d. These measures are effective **immediately**, unless otherwise noted, 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.

e. For the purpose of this memorandum, there are two categories of vaccination status:

• **CATEGORY A**

Boosted: Fully-vaccinated individuals who have received a COVID-19 vaccine booster.

Fully-Vaccinated, Not Eligible: Fully-vaccinated individuals who are not yet eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine booster, i.e., individuals who completed an initial COVID-19 vaccine series less than six months ago or are otherwise ineligible.

• **CATEGORY B**

Unvaccinated: Individuals who are not fully vaccinated. Full vaccination is defined as 14 days or more after receipt of a second dose in a two-dose vaccine series or 14 days or more after receipt of a single-dose vaccine.

Fully-Vaccinated, Eligible: Fully-vaccinated individuals that completed an initial vaccine series more than six months ago and have not yet received a COVID-19 vaccine booster.

2. **Restriction of Movement**: Effective 1630 JST, 10 January 2022 until 24 January 2022, all USFJ-affiliated personnel will **limit off-installation activities to essential activities only**.

a. The following examples of off-installation essential activities are permitted while wearing a mask:

- Transit between off-installation residence and USFJ facility and area;
- Transit to/from school or day care;
- Pet relief;
- Transit between USFJ facilities and areas;
- Purchase of food from stores;
- Take out, delivery, or drive-thru from restaurants;
- Religious services;
- Official business;
- Medical, pharmacy, dental, and veterinary services;
- Payment of housing-related bills;
- Essential car services;
- Use of public transportation to and from work or for official business;
- Financial services;
- Outdoor physical activities, e.g., running/bicycling, for those who reside off installation; and
- International travel.

b. The following off-installation areas/activities are not permitted without prior written approval from the first O-6 in the requester's chain of command where the activity is determined to be necessary for humanitarian reasons or warranted due to extreme hardship:

- Seated dining;
- Indoor malls;
- Bars and clubs;
- Gyms;
- Amusement parks;
- Theaters;
- Massage parlors;
- Saunas;
- Spas;
- Festivals;
- Karaoke bars; and
- Domestic leisure travel.

c. **Additionally, non-USFJ affiliated personnel are prohibited from entering Yokota Air Base or Tama Hills Recreation Area for unofficial purposes.**

3. **Curfew**: Effective 1630 JST, 10 January 2022 until 0600 JST, 24 January 2022, all military personnel, including those who are in a TDY/TAD, deployed, leave, or pass status in Japan,

are subject to a curfew between the hours of 2200 and 0600. During curfew hours, military members must be:

- On a U.S. military installation;
- Off the installation in a private residence or place of lodging (e.g., hotel); or
- In the performance of official duties (including duty-related commute/travel directly between an off-base residence and place of duty).

Commanders in the grade of O-6 may grant curfew exceptions of limited duration on an individual, event-by-event basis for specific circumstances. Grade-based blanket exceptions are unauthorized. Non-U.S. military USFJ affiliated personnel are encouraged to respect the 2200-0600 curfew as well.

4. **Mission-Essential Travel:** Government-funded TDY travel for 374th Airlift Wing fully-vaccinated personnel may be approved by the first O-6 in the traveler's chain of command. All TDY travel requires approval unless the purpose for travel is one of the 12 exemptions listed on the Secretary of Defense memorandum, "Update to Conditions-based Approach to Coronavirus Disease 2019 Personnel Movement and Travel Restrictions" (15 March 2021). Additionally, commanders should give serious consideration to an individual's COVID-19 vaccine booster status prior to authorizing off-installation mission essential travel.

5. **Leave/Pass:**

a. Leave/pass within Japan is **limited by the restrictions detailed in Paragraph 2b.** 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.

b. Space Available flights are only permitted with an exception to policy request signed by the first O-6 or civilian equivalent in the traveler's chain of command, as delegated by the Secretary of the Air Force.

6. **Mask Wear:**

a. IAW FRAGO-003 to USFJ Force Public Health Order 21-004, all individuals on U.S. military installations in Japan and all individuals performing duties in Japan on behalf of the DoD from any location other than the individual's home, including outdoor shared spaces and regardless of vaccination status, will wear a mask. This mask mandate applies to military personnel; DoD civilian employees and host nation employees; family members; DoD contractors; and all other individuals on DoD property, installations, or facilities in Japan.

b. While off-installation in Japan, all SOFA-status personnel, regardless of vaccination status, are required to wear masks in public, i.e., outside of a private dwelling. Japanese citizens commonly wear masks in public settings and our personnel should do so off-installation to prevent the spread of infection and to promote a responsible image to the host nation civilian population.

c. This mask mandate is **not** required on military installations in Japan under the following circumstances:

- For children aged two (2) years and under;
- When engaging in outdoor, individual physical fitness activities while maintaining social distancing;
- When alone in an office with floor-to-ceiling walls with a closed door;
- For brief periods of time when eating or drinking on the installation in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines and instructions from commanders and supervisors;
- When a mask is required to be lowered briefly for identification or security purposes; or
- When necessary to reasonably accommodate an individual with a disability.

7. **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.

8. Thank you for your commitment to ensuring the safety and security of everyone. As an added safety measure, all Yokota personnel **should be cognizant of the transmissibility of COVID-19 and limit large gatherings and/or practicing social distancing**. I recognize these measures place burden on our families, however, they are absolutely essential to protecting our entire community. It requires a total commitment from everyone in order to reduce risk to all personnel who live and work on the installation.

9. 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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