



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 Declaration and Protective Health Measures

References: (a) Secretary of the Air Force, 23 August 2022, *Department of the Air Force Supplement to the Consolidated Department of Defense Coronavirus Disease 2019 Force Health Protection Guidance*

(b) United States Forces Japan (USFJ), *Force Public Health (FPH) Order 22-007*, 25 August 2022

1. **Public Health Emergency Declaration:** 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.

a. 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.

b. 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.

c. 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. **Travel Out of Japan:** All travel out of the Japan AOR will follow the requirements in the Foreign Clearance Guide and other requirements set by the relevant geographic combatant command commander and DoD guidance.

a. **Official Travel:** Individuals (uniformed personnel, DoD civilians, and contractors, if travel is DoD-funded) who are *not fully vaccinated*, or who decline to provide information about their vaccination status, are *limited to mission-critical travel* (both domestic and international) as determined by commanders of service components, direct reporting units, or sub-unified commands. Pre-travel risk assessments are required and commanders should also give serious consideration to an individual's COVID-19 vaccine booster status prior to authorizing off-installation, mission-critical travel.

b. **Leave/Pass Travel:** Commanders will conduct a risk assessment of the health status and travel itinerary for service members requesting leave/pass. The following items should be discussed: travel location restrictions, requirements for tests, isolation/quarantine plans if exposed to COVID-19 at the leave location, and support plans.

3. **Mask Wear:** Mask wear is no longer required indoors or outdoors while on the installation. Individuals with COVID-19 symptoms, a positive COVID-19 test, or exposure to a COVID-19 positive individual should wear masks until medically cleared.

a. **Exceptions:** Masks are required if (1) inside a *medical or dental facility*. Such medical and dental facilities will be designated by 374 MDG/CC or (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.

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 (6 feet) cannot be maintained, e.g., crowded outdoor shopping area. Pre-elementary (age 5 and below) children are not required to wear a mask outdoors.

4. **Restriction of Movement (ROM):** ROM for SOFA-status personnel is defined as restriction to one's residence, other designated domicile (e.g., base lodging), or a specified area for a period of time *upon arrival into Japan* or until cleared by medical authorities. For the most up-to-date status of ROM requirements when entering Japan, visit the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan's website at: [https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/fna/page4e\\_001053.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/fna/page4e_001053.html).

5. **Isolation and Quarantine Policies:** In most circumstances, individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 will be able to isolate at home after consultation with a COVID-19 medical provider. Individuals identified by a competent medial authority (CMA) as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or a patient under investigation must wear a mask for 10 days and will be restricted to the installation or their domicile for five days, or until cleared by a CMA.

a. Units will coordinate with individuals in isolation or quarantine to ensure they have adequate food, water, and other necessary items. This includes supplies to clean frequently-used surfaces and maintain household hygiene, such as regular multi-surface cleaner, paper towels, toilet bowl cleaner with brush, laundry detergent, dish soap and sponge, etc. It also includes personal hygiene items, in addition to items to reduce the spread of the virus and monitor for infection, all of which are subject to availability.

b. During isolation or quarantine, individuals will self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms. This includes, where able, taking their temperature twice a day to check for fever and remaining alert for

coughing or difficulty breathing. If symptoms develop, individuals should self-isolate and contact a healthcare provider by calling the 374th Medical Group Response Line at **DSN 225-8864, Option 7 or 042-552-2510, extension 58864, Option 7**. Do not report to a medical treatment facility if experiencing COVID-19 symptoms unless directed to do so by medical authorities.

c. Individuals testing positive for COVID-19 will be required to complete a minimum of five (5) full days in isolation status from the start of symptoms (or positive test result, if asymptomatic) and two (2) days restriction to the installation with strict mitigation measures for a minimum of seven (7) days on installation.

d. To leave isolation after day 5, infected individuals must be free of fever without using fever-reducing medications for the 24 hours prior to release and symptoms must be improving. There are no requirements for a negative COVID-19 test to be documented prior to being released from isolation. To be released from restriction to installation, infected individuals must have remained fever-free since release from isolation, developed no new or worsening symptoms, and any remaining symptoms must be improving. If these criteria are not met after day 7, restriction to installation will be extended until criteria are met or until a full ten (10) days have elapsed since start of symptoms (or positive test result, if asymptomatic upon diagnosis).

e. While on installation restriction, individuals may travel directly between their personal off-base domicile and their installation only. POV, GOV, walking and cycling are authorized. Use of public transportation including taxi services is **not authorized**. Use of off-base services is not authorized.

f. Use of public transportation is **not authorized** for the full ten (10) days from the start of symptoms (or positive test result, if asymptomatic).

6. Thank you for your commitment to ensuring the safety and security of everyone. 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.

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](mailto:374aw.pav3@us.af.mil).

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