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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL JBLE PERSONNEL AND RESIDENTS, REGARDLESS OF SERVICE COMPONENT

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Pandemic – Sixth Renewal of Restriction of Movement and Restriction of Base Access Orders

- 1. On 29 September 2020, I renewed the Joint Base Langley-Eustis (JBLE) Restriction of Movement and Restriction of Base Access Orders. As the COVID-19 pandemic evolves, we must continue to adapt installation policies and preventative actions. The crisis is constantly changing, and our posture must also adjust to appropriately balance protecting base personnel while ensuring continued mission effectiveness.
- 2. Due to the recent increase in the number of cases and positive test results driving higher demands for additional testing and contact tracing, I am renewing the JBLE Restriction of Movement and Restriction of Base Access Renewal Orders, effective 16 November 2020, with the following updated authorizations:

a. Adjustments to Workforce:

- (1) In order to provide space to meet social distancing requirements in accordance with Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines, Commanders are encouraged to maximize the use of rotating shifts and/or telework. Further guidance and consultation on mitigation including engineering and administrative controls are available through the 633 MDG Public Health Emergency Officer (PHEO), Col Jianzhong (JZ) Zhang (jianzhong.j.zhang.mil@mail.mil, 757-764-3260) or Fort Eustis PHEO, Dr. John James (john.f.james16.civ@mail.mil, 757-314-8031).
- (2) While not mandatory, Commanders may choose to require personnel to complete the attached self-screening form for COVID-19 symptoms before reporting to work/duty each shift. Personnel will self-identify to their leadership if experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 or other illness and may call the Langley COVID-19 Hotline at 757-764-0018 (0730-1630 daily) or the Tricare Nurse Hotline. *If experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, employees should remain at home and only access the installation for scheduled testing or required medical care.*
 - b. Social Distancing, Gatherings, and Events:
- (1) Consistent with CDC/DoD guidance, all personnel will continue to practice social distancing whenever possible both on and off duty. Operations crews, teams, and mission essential personnel must use extra caution to avoid unsafe situations/environments, such as crowded events or house parties. Social distancing should be maintained at all times IAW CDC

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guidelines regardless of, and in addition to, use of face coverings when congregating with anyone you do not reside with.

- (2) Informal/Unofficial Gatherings (includes unit ceremonies, celebrations, potlucks, holiday parties, at-home events): *In line with the current state guidance, the number of participants permitted is limited to no more than 25 people*.
- (3) *Official Gatherings will not exceed 25 people.* Commanders and Commander equivalent mission partner leads are granted authority to approve gatherings by members of their units. Prior to approval, commanders and leads will conduct a risk assessment considering the risk-benefit ratio and mission criticality of an event should positive cases trace back to the gathering. The 633 MDG PHEO will provide recommendations pertaining to gathering/event approval and risk mitigation upon request. Authority to approve deviations to the gathering guidance above is retained by the 633 ABW/CC.
- (4) Civilians and contractors are strongly encouraged to follow state and federal guidelines off duty, including limiting informal gatherings to no more than 25 individuals, regardless of location.

c. Wearing of Face Coverings:

- (1) Individuals will wear a face covering which covers their nose and mouth when six feet of physical distance cannot be consistently maintained and/or when in shared/common areas or base facilities.
- (2) If face covering pose a safety hazard in the performance of duties, individuals may remove the cover for the time required to complete that duty.
- (3) Personnel with underlying health conditions that prohibit the wear of a mask IAW CDC guidelines should acquire medical exemption documentation from a health care provider.
- (4) Carpooling is strongly discouraged as vehicles represent an enclosed space where disease transmission may readily occur. When riding in vehicles with others with whom you do not reside is required or unavoidable, maximum spacing should be maintained and face coverings will be worn. This also applies to government vehicles and official/unofficial travel.
- d. Official/Unofficial Travel: Commanders will comply with the most current Force Health Protection guidance when approving leave/TDY outside the local area and will carefully consider risk to the mission based on the specifics of the intended travel including method/mode of travel, locations traversed or visited, and other exposures. Commanders will place members on Restriction of Movement (ROM) at their discretion and in accordance with most current Force Health Protection guidance.
- 3. 633 MDG Public Health and PHEO may determine that more stringent restrictions are necessary upon the identification of a cluster of positive COVID-19 cases within the installation

population. These restrictions may be targeted to specific units, geographic areas or demographic groups or applied to the entire installation population as necessary.

- 4. To the extent this directive is inconsistent with other JBLE PHE orders, the information herein prevails. All JBLE PHE orders remain in effect. In the absence of specific higher headquarters guidance or the directions outlined above, Unit Commanders are empowered to implement actions that balance risk to physical and mental health, risk to operations, and risk to mission sustainment. Through a balanced, measured approach we will continue to effectively combat this pandemic and preserve the long-term health of our teams and effectiveness of our operations.
- 5. Unless terminated or renewed by me sooner, this renewal will automatically terminate on 31 December 2020.

CLINTON A. ROSS, Colonel, USAF Commander

Attachments:

- 1. Fifth Renewal to Restriction of Movement and Restriction of Base Access Orders, dated 29 September 2020 (2 pages)
- 2. Workplace Staff Self-Screening, dated 8 November 2020