OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER 125 Mabry Avenue Joint Base Langley-Eustis VA 23665-2522

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

## SUBJECT: COVID-19 Pandemic – Update to Restriction of Movement, Social Distancing, and Face Covering Orders

1. On 16 November 2020, I renewed the Joint Base Langley-Eustis (JBLE) Restriction of Movement and Restriction of Base Access Orders. This document supersedes all previous orders related to the same topics. 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 updating and renewing my orders related to Restriction of Movement, social distancing, and wearing of face coverings, effective 1 January 2021, with the following updated authorizations:

a. Adjustments to Workforce:

(1) In order to provide space to meet social distancing requirements in accordance with Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines, Commanders should maximize the use of rotating shifts and telework. Further guidance and consultation on mitigation including engineering and administrative controls is available through the 633 MDG Public Health Emergency Officer (PHEO), Col Jianzhong (JZ) Zhang (jianzhong.j.zhang.mil@mail.mil, 757-764-3260).

(2) 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, number of anticipated contacts, and other exposures. Commanders are encouraged to consider a period of telework or a working Restriction of Movement for travelers upon their return from leave.

b. Social Distancing, Gatherings, and Events:

(1) Consistent with CDC/DoD guidance, all military personnel will continue to practice social distancing both on and off duty. Operations crews, teams, and mission essential personnel must use extra caution to avoid unsafe situations/environments. Social distancing must be maintained at all times as situation permits in addition to the use of face coverings when congregating with anyone you do not reside with.



(2) In line with current state guidance, service members must limit their informal/unofficial gatherings (including unit celebrations, potlucks, holiday parties, restaurant outings, at-home events) to no more than 10 people and should limit the number of households they gather with. Gatherings must end before the 2400 state curfew. If a service member is approved for out of state leave, they must abide by the COVID-19 restrictions of that state.

(3) Official Gatherings on-base will not exceed 25 people. Commanders and Commander equivalent mission partners must conduct a risk assessment considering the risk-benefit ratio and mission criticality of an event should positive cases trace back to the gathering prior to approving the event. Social distancing protocols must be maintained and face coverings must be worn for the duration of the event. 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 while off duty, including limiting informal gatherings to no more than 10 individuals.

c. Wearing of Face Coverings:

(1) Individuals over the age of five will wear a face covering which covers their nose and mouth when in an indoor setting shared with others, not including their own home, and when outdoors where social distancing is difficult to maintain.

(2) If the face covering poses a safety hazard in the performance of duties individuals are allowed to remove the cover for the time required to complete that duty.

(3) Personnel with underlying health conditions that prohibit the wear of a mask in accordance with 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.

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. 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 March 2021.

CLINTON A. ROSS, Colonel, USAF Commander

Attachments:

1. Sixth Renewal to Restriction of Movement and Restriction of Base Access Orders, dated 16 November 2020 (3 pages)

2. Virginia Executive Order Number 72 and Order of Public Health Emergency Nine, dated 10 December 2020 (19 pages)