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

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Pandemic – Amendment to Restriction of Movement and Base Access Orders

1. On 27 March 2020 I issued a Restriction of Movement (ROM) Order (stay-at-home order) to all JBLE personnel IAW my Public Health Emergency (PHE) authorities to help slow and stop the virulent and deadly spread of COVID-19. This order was renewed effective 27 April 2020. I similarly issued a Base Access Restriction Order, effective on 1 April 2020, as well as a renewal effective on 1 May 2020. These measures have helped lower transmission rates and have prevented our healthcare systems from being overwhelmed. While we have been successful in slowing the spread of the virus, it is still present. As such, it is important for the JBLE community to take a measured approach as we ease towards the new normal. In coordination with public health experts and my leadership teams, I am cautiously optimistic with our success and am taking a measured approach in easing restrictions.

2. Effective 15 May 2020, I am issuing the following amendment to the current ROM and Restriction of Base Access Orders:

   a. ROM Amendment.

      i. JBLE Residents. I am lifting the stay-at-home and essential travel only order for JBLE housing residents, to include dormitory or barrack residents, and off-base Bethel Manor family housing residents. Further, all JBLE housing residents are authorized to attend public or private in-person gatherings of ten or less persons. Social distancing and cloth face coverings in JBLE public areas are still required IAW my previous PHE orders, and I strongly encourage wear of cloth face coverings at all times on or off the installation when social distancing can not be maintained. Ultimately, I highly encourage JBLE Residents to stay at home and leave for only life sustaining essentials. We are all safer at home.

      ii. JBLE Personnel residing off-base. The Commonwealth of Virginia has prohibited all public and private in-person gatherings of more than ten persons. Active Duty personnel residing off-base are required to adhere to guidelines issued by state, local, and DoD authorities. Civilian employees, contractors, family members, and military dependents residing off-base are recommended to adhere to guidelines issued by state, local, and DoD authorities. Again, we are all safer at home.

      iii. Active Duty Personnel. All Active Duty personnel must comply with state, local, and DoD directives while off-base.
b. **Restriction of Base Access Amendment.** I am opening installation access on Fridays to all personnel, to include Retirees and Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC) holders. With this amendment, all personnel will now have access to the installation on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays. Mission critical personnel will continue to have daily access to the installation, along with the categories of personnel articulated in my Restriction of Base Access Order Renewal, effective 1 May 2020. Local commanders are encouraged to maximize telework for non-mission critical personnel consistent with applicable Service and Command directives.

3. This amendment implements changes to the current ROM and Restriction of Base Access Orders. To the extent this direction is inconsistent with other JBLE PHE orders, the information herein prevails. All JBLE PHE orders remain in effect. This amendment does not limit local commanders from issuing more restrictive measures to promote good order and discipline, mission accomplishment, and/or to promote the overall health and safety of their units.

4. Unless terminated or renewed by me sooner, this amendment will automatically terminate 30 days from the effective date.

5. While this amendment eases some of the restrictions, we must remain vigilant, cautious, and measured in our efforts so as not to prolong the pandemic. By following applicable public health guidance such as social distancing, proper hygiene, and use of face coverings, together we can limit the spread of COVID-19.

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Commander

**Attachments:**
1. Renewal of Restriction of Movement Order, dated 23 April 2020 (2 pages)
2. Renewal of Restriction of Base Access, dated 30 April 2020 (2 pages)