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

**SUBJECT: COVID-19 Pandemic – Renewal of Restriction of Movement, Social Distancing,
and Face Covering Orders**

1. On 18 February 2021, I updated the Joint Base Langley-Eustis (JBLE) Restriction of Movement, Social Distancing, and Face Covering Orders. This document supersedes all previous orders related to the same topic. 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. I am renewing the JBLE Restriction of Movement, Social Distancing, and Face Coverings orders, effective 1 April 2021, with the following updated authorizations:

a. Adjustments to Workforce: In order to provide space to meet social distancing requirements in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (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 Langley Public Health Emergency Officer (PHEO), Col Jianzhong (JZ) Zhang (jianzhong.j.zhang.mil@mail.mil, 757-764-3260); or the Eustis Public Health Emergency Officer (PHEO), Dr. John James, (john.f.james16.civ@mail.mil, 757- 314-8031).

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. Our workforce and guests on the installation 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) Service members must limit their informal/unofficial gatherings (including unit celebrations, holiday parties, restaurant outings, at-home events) to no more than 10 people. Service members should also limit the number of households they gather with. In addition, social distancing protocols must be maintained and face coverings must be worn for the duration of the event. 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 (Retirements, Changes of Command, All Calls, etc) will not exceed 50 people. Commanders and Commander equivalent mission partners must conduct a risk assessment considering the risk-benefit ratio and mission criticality of an event prior to approving the event. Social distancing protocols must be maintained and face coverings must be worn for the duration of the event. The Langley/Eustis 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.

c. Wearing of Face Coverings:

(1) All individuals on Joint Base Langley-Eustis, including off-base military housing, or any individual performing official duties on behalf of the Department of Defense from any location other than the individual's home, including vaccinated individuals, will wear masks and maintain six feet of physical distancing. Exceptions are as follows:

(a) When an individual is alone in an office with floor-to-ceiling walls with a closed door;

(b) For brief periods of time when eating and drinking while maintaining distancing in accordance with CDC guidelines and instructions from commanders and supervisors;

(c) When the mask is required to be lowered briefly for identification or security purposes;

(d) When underlying health conditions that prohibit the wear of a face covering exist and the individual is in possession of medical documentation from a health care provider outlining such a condition and the restrictions the condition places on wear of a face covering;

(e) When necessary to reasonably accommodate a religious belief. Requests for accommodation will be submitted to the Installation Commander via the requestor's chain of command. This process is under further review;

(f) When outdoors and proper physical distancing can be maintained;

(g) When actively participating in physical fitness activities either indoors or outdoors and either proper physical distancing is maintained or additional measures are implemented to mitigate the threat of transmission;

(h) When an individual is alone in a vehicle or is sharing the vehicle only with members of their household;

(i) When use substantively interferes with the proper wear and use of personal protective equipment necessary for accomplishment of one's military duties;

(j) When personnel are in primary aircrew positions during critical phases of flight or emergencies; or when using flight crew oxygen equipment;

(k) When clear or unrestricted visualization of verbal communication are essential to safe and effective operation;

(2) All children aged five and older are required to wear masks as described above. Children between the ages of 2 and 5 should be encouraged to wear masks when possible. Alternatives and adaptations to mask wear for children with disabilities, to include cognitive, developmental, and sensory disorders, should be considered where feasible. These alternatives should not place others at significantly increased risk.

(3) When in doubt, individuals on installation property or performing Department of Defense activities should wear a mask.

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, 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.

3. Installation 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 30 June 2021.

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Commander

Attachments:

COVID-19 Pandemic - Update to Restriction of Movement, Social Distancing, and Face Covering Orders, dated 18 February 2021 (3 pages)