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

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

1. On 30 April 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 to appropriately balance protecting base personnel while ensuring continued mission effectiveness. There has been substantial progress in the rate of vaccinations among the JBLE community and the greater Hampton Roads area, as well as continued positive trends in cases, hospitalizations, and deaths. I am confident we can now safely begin transitioning to a more open posture while still observing appropriate mitigation measures.

2. Effective 1 June 2021, JBLE is transitioning to HPCON A+¹. I am also updating the JBLE Restriction of Movement, Social Distancing, and Face Coverings orders, effective 1 June 2021, with the following adjusted authorizations:

a. Adjustments to Workforce: Commanders and Directors are authorized to resume full in-person operations while being mindful of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines for unvaccinated persons. Further guidance and consultation on mitigation, including engineering and administrative controls is available through the Langley Alternate Public Health Emergency Officer (A-PHEO), Maj Jasmine Simmons (jasmine.a.simmons12.mil@mail.mil, 757-764-6731); 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 on Joint Base Langley-Eustis, including Housing:

(1) Consistent with CDC/DoD guidance, all military personnel who are not fully vaccinated² 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. Military personnel who are not fully vaccinated must maintain social distancing at all times in addition to the use of face coverings.

(2) Previously imposed gathering size limitations are hereby lifted, unless restricted in a specific facility. Commanders and Commander-equivalent mission partners should still conduct a

¹ HPCON A+ acknowledges that unvaccinated individuals will continue to observe more stringent mitigation practices.

² Per the CDC, individuals are considered “fully vaccinated” two weeks after they receive the second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccines or the single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

risk assessment considering the risk-benefit ratio and mission criticality of an event prior to approving the event. Personnel who are not fully vaccinated must maintain social distancing protocols and wear face coverings for the duration of the event. Events that involve consumption of food or beverages will be conducted in accordance with COVID mitigation strategies. The Langley/Eustis PHEO will provide recommendations pertaining to gathering/event approval and risk mitigation upon request.

(3) Civilians and contractors are strongly encouraged to follow state and federal guidelines while off duty.

c. All personnel, **regardless of vaccination status**, will wear masks in DoD and off-base healthcare facilities, while on mass transit, in schools and the Child Development Center, or in any other facility with posted requirements.

d. Wearing of Face Coverings by Unvaccinated Individuals:

(1) All individuals who are not fully vaccinated 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 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;
- (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 in accordance with Fitness Center Mitigation Guidelines;
- (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; and

(k) When clear or unrestricted visualization of verbal communication is 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 DoD activities should wear a mask.

e. 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 member's vaccination status, method/mode of travel, locations traversed or visited, number of anticipated contacts, and other exposures.

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

Attachment:
COVID-19 Pandemic - Update to Restriction of Movement, Social Distancing, and Face Covering Orders, dated 30 April 2021 (3 pages)