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My greatest thanks goes out to all of you and your collective efforts to help disrupt and defeat COVID-19. We have steadily seen infection rates in Virginia and Hampton Roads drop over the last few weeks which has allowed the entire state of Virginia to enter into Phase Two (Safer at Home) as of 12 June 2020. Your diligence and efforts have directly contributed to these successes across the state and locally.

As such, effective immediately, I have approved the following changes to the local area travel and leave restrictions.

1) The local area is expanded and defined as a 250-mile radius from the Soldier’s assigned duty station / location or personal residence.

2) Soldiers may travel or take leave/pass anywhere within the local area without an ETP except as specifically excluded below.

3) The following locations remain off limits for travel and leave until further notice. Soldiers may transit through these locations enroute to other authorized leave/pass locations but may not stop within their city limits unless needed for gas, medical support, or other emergencies.

   - Washington D.C
   - Alexandria, VA
   - Arlington County, VA
   - Fairfax County, VA
   - Baltimore, MD
   - Philadelphia, PA
   - Trenton, NJ
   - Raleigh, NC
   - Durham, NC

4) Soldiers remain subject to the framework outlined in HQDA EXORD 210-20 and ALARACT 054/2020 for non-local leave and travel.

We must remain vigilant to protect ourselves and loved ones from this virus. This is not over and the danger to our force and families is still very real. Be prudent in your travel planning and recreational activities. It is only through your continued understanding and support that we will succeed in our efforts against COVID-19.

Enjoy the upcoming 4th of July holiday weekend and stay healthy and safe.

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