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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Quarantine Policy for Off-Peninsula Arrivals of United States Forces Korea (USFK) Personnel

1. References. See Enclosure 1.
2. Background. USFK's priority remains force health protection. Even as the Department of Defense adjusts its travel restrictions to more accurately reflect the current COVID environment, USFK continues to support the Republic of Korea (ROK) Government by aligning with ROK guidelines for quarantining inbound personnel.
3. Purpose. The purpose of this policy is to facilitate travel from off-peninsula, maximize force health protection, and provide guidance on receiving inbound USFK personnel.
4. Authority. This policy is issued under emergency health powers granted under Reference 2, my authority as the USFK Commander and my authority as the Senior U.S. Military Officer assigned to the Republic of Korea.
5. Definitions.
 - a. *Fully vaccinated*. Completion of a U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved COVID vaccination series, at least 14-days before beginning travel to Korea.
 - b. *Quarantine*. The separation of an individual or group who may have been exposed to a communicable disease from others who have not been so exposed, in such a manner and place to prevent the possible spread of the communicable disease.
 - c. *Quarantine action plan (QAP)*. A detailed proposal outlining where and how an individual will conduct quarantine. A QAP is only required when an individual will conduct quarantine at a location other than the USFK dedicated quarantine facility. An approved QAP is required prior to arrival to Korea or prior to initiating travel off-peninsula. USFK personnel shall follow the approved QAP upon arrival in Korea.
 - d. *USFK Personnel*. Includes members of the United States armed forces, members of the civilian component, and dependents as defined by Article I of the U.S. and ROK Status of Forces Agreement ("SOFA") and invited contractors as defined by Article XV of the SOFA.
 - e. *Working Quarantine*. Allows an individual to travel from domicile to duty during the 14-day quarantine period. Also, may engage in essential, on-post activities related to health and safety such as purchasing food and attending medical appointments. Except for off post domicile to duty travel all off base activities are prohibited.

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6. Procedures. While all USFK personnel will follow the same testing requirements upon arrival, quarantine requirements differ depending on individual vaccination status. A summary of testing and quarantine requirements is located in Enclosure 2.

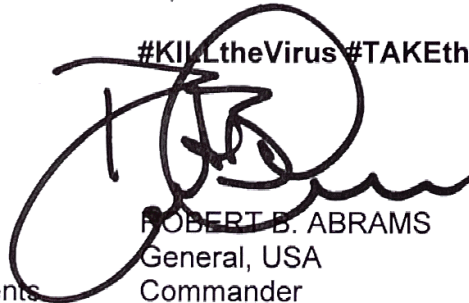
7. Tracking Inbound Arrivals. Units shall ensure the itineraries for all personnel arriving in Korea from off-peninsula are entered into the USFK International Arrival Tracker at [https://pacom.deps.mil/cmds/usfk-fkj3/j33/Lists/SPOTREP International Arrivals/](https://pacom.deps.mil/cmds/usfk-fkj3/j33/Lists/SPOTREP%20International%20Arrivals/). Failure to register their itineraries may result in delayed ground transportation to initial COVID test and quarantine facility.

8. Quarantine planning and additional guidance. Personal quarantine planning and additional guidance for Service Members and Civilians are outlined in Enclosures 3 and 4, respectively. A quarantine action plan template can be found in Enclosure 5.

9. This memorandum is punitive for Service Members. Failure to follow mandates and restrictions established by this memorandum may constitute a violation of Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. These mandates and restrictions also apply to the U.S. and Korean National Civilian employees, dependents, and contractors subject to the SOFA. Civilians, dependents, and contractors who fail to comply with these restrictions may face administrative consequences, such as being barred from entering military installations.

10. These measures are designed to ensure our USFK Service Members, Civilians, contractors, family members and installations remain safe and free from COVID-19. We have been highly successful so far in keeping the virus out of our formations and off our installations. Everyone must fight complacency and stay disciplined and vigilant to stop the spread and kill the virus. We must continue to protect the force to protect the mission.

#KILLtheVirus #TAKEtheShot



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General, USA
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5 Encls

1. References
2. Testing and Quarantine Requirements
3. Guidance for Service Members
4. Guidance for Civilians
5. Quarantine Action Plan Template

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Enclosure 1
References

1. Memorandum, HQ, USFK, FKCC, *Subject: Policy for USFK Personnel Taking Leave Off-Peninsula or Receiving Visitors from Off-Peninsula* (14 December 2020). **(Superseded by this policy)**
2. Department of Defense Instruction 6200.03, *Public Health Emergency Management (PHEM) Within the DoD* (28 March 2019).
3. Secretary of Defense Memorandum, *Update to Conditions-based Phased Approach to Coronavirus Disease 2019 Personnel Movement and Travel Restrictions*, (15 March 2021)
4. Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Memorandum, *Force Health Protection (FHP) Guidance (Supplement 20) Department of Defense Guidance for Personnel Traveling During the Novel Coronavirus Outbreak* (12 April 2021)
5. United States Pacific Command Instruction 0530.1, *Command Relationships in U.S. Pacific Command* (14 January 2018)
6. Commander United States Indo-Pacific Command Concept Plan for Pandemic and Emerging Infectious Disease (PEID) (1 February 2019)
7. United States Forces Korea Regulation 190-7, "Military Access Control," (27 September 2017)
8. United States Forces Korea Operation Order 20-19, "USFK Novel Coronavirus [COVID-19] Response"
9. United States Forces Korea Tasking Order 20-38, "Debarment Processing of Non-US Service Member for Violations of PHE HPCON Measures" (1 April 2020)
10. United States Forces Korea Memorandum, "Policy to Establish Eligibility for United States Forces Korea (USFK) Quarantine Facilities and Quarantine-Related Services" (14 December 2020).

Enclosure 2

Testing and Quarantine Requirements

1. Testing Requirements.

(a) All USFK personnel arriving to Korea are required to take the USFK bus from the point of entry to the USFK testing facility.

(b) USFK personnel arriving to Korea will receive three COVID-19 tests during the first 14 days following arrival to the ROK: 1) a Day 1 entry PCR Test, 2) a Day 6/7 PCR Test, and 3) a Day 12 exit PCR Test. All USFK personnel must restrict their movement until they receive the results of their Day 1 Test.

(c) Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 will be transported to the USFK Isolation Facility.

2. Quarantine Requirements.

		Traveler	
		Not Vaccinated	Vaccinated
Cohabitant	Not Vaccinated	<p>QUARANTINE OPTION 1. Quarantine facility</p> <p>QUARANTINE OPTION 2. Quarantine with cohabitants (QAP required)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travelers <u>do not have</u> freedom of movement Cohabitants remaining at home <u>do not have</u> freedom of movement <p>QUARANTINE OPTION 3. Quarantine at home with cohabitants residing at a separate location</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travelers <u>do not have</u> freedom of movement Cohabitants at separate location <u>have</u> freedom of movement 	<p>ROM OPTIONS. While waiting for Day 1 PCR Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ROM with cohabitants (QAP required) ROM at Quarantine Facility <p>After confirmed negative Day #1 PCR test:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travelers may conduct <u>working quarantine</u> after confirmed negative Day #1 PCR Test Cohabitants <u>have</u> freedom of movement
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Enclosure 3

Quarantine Planning and Additional Guidance for Service Members

1. General guidance.

a. Service Members meet established entry requirements for the ROK (e.g. present a negative PCR test result at point of entry).

b. Service Members who arrive in the ROK from off-peninsula shall complete a 14-day quarantine IAW with the options provided in Enclosure 2.

2. Quarantine planning. Service Members shall have an approved QAP prior to their initial arrival to Korea or prior to initiating travel off-peninsula and shall follow the approved QAP upon arrival in Korea.

3. Approval authorities for quarantine action plan.

a. **Approval of requests for space at dedicated quarantine facilities.**

(1) *Requests for Space at Seventh Air Force (7 AF) quarantine facilities.* Any member requiring the use of a quarantine facility on a 7 AF installation, regardless of Service or unit of assignment, must have the QAP approved in accordance with guidance published by 7 AF.

(2) *Eighth Army Soldier requests for space at Eighth Army quarantine facilities.* Any Service Member assigned to Eighth United States Army (8A) requiring the use of a quarantine facility on an 8A installation must have the QAP approved in accordance with guidance published by 8A.

(3) *Other Service Members requesting space at Eighth Army quarantine facilities.* Other Service Members requiring the use of a quarantine facility on an 8A installation, regardless of their Service or unit of assignment, must have their request for dedicated quarantine facilities approved by the USFK Chief of Staff. The USFK JOC will manage this approval process. Requests shall be sent to the following organization email:
indopacom.humphreys.usfk.mbx.joc@mail.mil.

b. **Approval of requests to quarantine at personal quarters.** O-6, or civilian equivalent, holding the position of Commander, Division Chief, or Staff Director, is responsible for approving requests to quarantine at personal quarters.

Enclosure 4

Quarantine Planning and Additional Guidance for Civilians

1. General guidance.

a. Civilians must meet established entry requirements for the ROK (e.g. present a negative PCR test result at point of entry).

b. Civilians who arrive in the ROK from off-peninsula shall complete a 14-day quarantine in accordance with ROK and USFK protocols.

2. Quarantine planning. In order to maintain continued access to USFK installations, Civilians shall have an approved QAP prior to their initial arrival to Korea or prior to initiating travel off-peninsula and shall follow the approved QAP upon arrival in Korea.

3. Approval authorities for QAP.

a. **Approval of requests for space at dedicated quarantine facilities.**

(1) *Requests for space at Seventh Air Force (7 AF) quarantine facilities.* Authorized Civilians requesting the use of a quarantine facility on a 7 AF installation, regardless of unit of assignment, must have the QAP approved in accordance with guidance published by 7 AF.

(2) *Department of the Army (DA) Civilian requests for space at Eighth Army quarantine facilities.* Authorized DA Civilians requesting the use of a quarantine facility on an 8A installation must have the QAP approved in accordance with guidance published by 8A.

(3) *Other Civilians requesting space at Eighth Army quarantine facilities.* Other Civilians requiring the use of a quarantine facility on an 8A installation, regardless of unit of assignment, must have their request for dedicated quarantine facilities approved by the USFK Chief of Staff. The USFK JOC will manage this approval process. Requests shall be sent to the following organization email: ***indopacom.humphreys.usfk.mbx.joc@mail.mil***.

b. **Approval of requests to quarantine at personal quarters.** O-6, or civilian equivalent, holding the position of Commander, Division Chief, or Staff Director, is responsible for approving requests to quarantine at personal quarters.

c. USFK Civilians who fail to establish a quarantine action plan prior to travel may be required to use ROK quarantine facilities at personal expense.

4. Specific Guidance for Department of Defense (DoD) Civilian Employees. DoD Civilians are subject to their agency leave policies during the quarantine period. DoD Civilians shall coordinate with their Human Resource representatives to receive clarity on their work status while in quarantine. Supervisors may approve telework operations during the quarantine period, in accordance with the employee's service/agency guidelines.