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SUBJECT: Waiver of Requirement for 14-day Restriction of Movement (ROM) for Travel from a Foreign Country to the United States

- References: (a) OUSD (P&R) Memorandum, "Force Health Protection Guidance (Supplement 12) – Department of Defense Guidance for Personnel Traveling During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic," 6 Aug 2020  
(b) OSD Memorandum, "Exemption of Authorized Leave for Department of Defense Service Members from Coronavirus Disease 2019 Personnel Movement and Travel Restrictions," 29 Jun 2020  
(c) OSD Memorandum, "Delegation of Waiver Approval Authority for Coronavirus Disease 2019 Personnel Movement and Travel Restrictions," 5 Oct 2020

I hereby conditionally waive the requirement, imposed by reference (a), that a Department of the Air Force military member traveling to the United States from, or through, a foreign country designated by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) as Travel Health Notice (THN) Level-3 will undergo a 14-day restriction of movement (ROM) upon arrival at their residence or other appropriate location. This waiver is subject to the conditions described below.

Travel approval authorities (TAA) identified in references (b) and (c) will assess risks to the Service member, their family/dependents, the communities at home stations and leave/travel locations in order to determine whether a 14-day ROM is appropriate. In general, when a Service member is traveling from a country in which COVID-19 incidence is equal to or lower than that in the U.S., the 14-day ROM requirement should not be imposed. Conversely, when a Service member is traveling to the United States from a foreign country in which COVID-19 incidence is higher than that in the U.S., the 14-day ROM requirement should be imposed. The attachment contains tools the TAA can use to assist in evaluating COVID incidence.

If a ROM requirement is imposed pursuant to this memorandum, the ROM will be conducted as directed in reference (a) ("Steps to be Taken During ROM"). Regardless of ROM requirement, members will continue to comply with all other applicable force health protection (FHP) guidance provided in reference (a).

DoD family members, DoD civilian employees, and DoD contractor personnel are strongly recommended to follow the FHP guidance provided in this document and reference (a) in order to prevent the transmission of COVID-19.

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Barbara Barrett

Attachment – Resources for Comparing COVID-19 Incidence between Locations

- (1) The Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation “COVID-19 Projections” page provides an excellent visualization of data by country and allows multiple views of cases, deaths, mask use, social distancing, etc., at: <https://covid19.healthdata.org/global?view=total-deaths&tab=trend>
- (2) The Brown University “Key Metrics for COVID Suppression” site includes cases per 100K by county at: <https://globalepidemics.org/key-metrics-for-covid-suppression/>
- (3) The CDC “COVID Data Tracker” provides excellent State-level data (e.g., “cases in the last 7 days” per 100K) at: [https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/index.html#cases\\_casesinlast7days](https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/index.html#cases_casesinlast7days)
- (4) The following Advancing Analytics (Advana) site, aligned with the policy memorandum “Transition to Conditions-based Phased Approach to COVID-19 Personnel Movement and Travel Restrictions” issued on May 22, 2020, can be used for individual Service Members to access for Leave/Travel information related to COVID-19: <https://covid-status.data.mil/#/>. No account is required, however, CAC and GFE are required for access.