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MEMORANDUM FOR U.S. NAVAL AIR FACILITY ATSUGI

From: Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Air Facility Atsugi

Subj: PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DECLARATION/UPDATED ORDER

Ref: (a) COMUSFJ Force Public Health Order 22-002 dtd 0600(I) 01 Mar 22
(b) COMNAVFORJAPAN Memo of 1 Mar 22 5000, Ser N00/0506
(c) COMNAVFORJAPAN Memo of 2 Feb 22 5000, Ser N00/0103
(d) COMNAVREGJAPAN Memo of 1 Mar 22 5000, Ser N00/0505
(e) USFJ Liberty Order for U.S. Military Forces Located or Operating in Japan dtd 2 Mar 20

Encl: (1) **Approved Area Map for Local Liberty/Off Duty**
<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?fbclid=IwAR2FRXnlLhmWGrz6H3sWp6AugOCdmTqLoXnUVd9mewCkG5FbQn0nxM1BSzY&mid=1sTobRyYls0TIXF7t7GRAP3PimbIFjF67&ll=35.49836069404528%2C138.46006749999998&z=5>
(2) NAF Atsugi COVID-19 Activity Guide – 3 Feb 22

1. Situation. Given the extremely contagious nature of the Omicron variant and the number of COVID cases throughout Japan it is necessary to continue to practice heightened measures. COVID is primarily spread person to person through exposure to respiratory droplets produced during exhalation (e.g., breathing, speaking, singing, coughing, sneezing). Mask use, heightened hygiene measures, and vaccinations continue to prove effective and limit COVIDs spread.
2. Mission. U.S. Naval Air Facility (NAF) Atsugi's missions remain unchanged:
 - a. Maintain the warfighting readiness of our entire force.
 - b. Protect the health and welfare of our community.
3. Execution
 - a. Commander's Intent. Allow as much freedom as possible while enforcing established practices that prevent the spread of COVID and visibly demonstrate to the Japanese public the U.S. commitment to our collective safety.
 - b. This order is in addition to all Commander, United States Forces Japan (COMUSFJ) and Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Japan/Navy Region Japan (CNFJ/CNRJ) COVID-19 guidance, instructions, and policies. This order applies to all USFJ affiliated personnel, as defined in ref (b) onboard NAF Atsugi (permanent or transient).

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c. Illness or Suspected Illness. If suspected COVID symptoms develop (as stated on the CDC website <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>), you shall: stay home, isolate, contact your supervisor, and call your medical care provider.

4. In support of the PHE, the following will go into effect upon its release:

a. Face coverings. Per reference (a), all individuals on military installations and all individuals performing official duties on behalf of the Department of Defense from any location other than the individual's home will wear masks. This includes: military personnel, DoD civilian employees and host-nation employees, family members, DoD contractors, and all other individuals on DoD property, installations, and facilities.

(1) Individuals must wear masks continuously on military installations except:

(a) Under the age of 2;

(b) Outdoors on a US installation if up-to-date or fully vaccinated and can maintain social distance. Mask wear off base is still required;

(c) Indoors on a US installation while actively engaging in physical fitness activities such as individual or team sports when social distancing will occur. Mask wear when not actively participating is required (e.g., on the sidelines);

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

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

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

(g) When necessary to reasonably accommodate an individual with a disability; and

(h) When an exception has been authorized in accordance with reference (a).

(2) All personnel shall have immediate access to an approved mask at all times (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>) and shall wear them such that both the mouth and nose are covered completely per CDC. Mask Policy.

b. Guests on NAF Atsugi. Guests are authorized.

c. Curfew. Personnel are cautioned that the USFJ standard curfew and CNRJ liberty policy

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remains applicable throughout Japan. See references (d) and (e).

d. Enclosure (1) depicts Green Zones (normal risk), Yellow Zones (increased risk), and Red Zones (highest risk). This map will be updated weekly and posted on the NAF Atsugi Facebook page.

e. The following applies to all personnel in ALL Zones and prefectures on liberty, leave, or unofficial travel:

(1) While on liberty within Japan to a prefecture under a State of Emergency or Quasi-State of Emergency, all personnel will at a minimum follow the additional COVID Mitigation Measures present in that prefecture. These may include but are not limited to: group size limits for indoor dining, early closure of eateries and other businesses, shortened hours for alcohol service, etc. While the Government of Japan may not actively enforce the measures, SOFA personnel are prohibited from patronizing the establishments who fail to follow these measures. It is the responsibility of the liberty traveler to understand the COVID Mitigation Measure of the prefecture to which they are traveling.

(2) Use of public transportation is authorized. Consumption of alcohol on public transportation is prohibited.

(3) Visiting installations in HPCON C or D is authorized for official business only with concurrence of the visitor's Commanding Officer.

(4) On the installation, home-based businesses and personal commercial activities offering food and personalized services (i.e. nails, haircuts, massage, etc.) may be authorized on a case by case basis.

f. Enclosure (2) depicts authorized and prohibited activities in all Green, Yellow and Red Zones.

g. Unofficial travel. Approval authority for leave (including emergency leave) is delegated to a level NOT lower than the unit Commander, Commanding Officer, Officer-in-Charge, or Civilian Equivalent per ref (b), as appropriate.

h. Restriction of Movement per ref (a)

(1) ROM Procedures. Vaccination status will be reviewed by a unit travel coordinator or competent medical authority. All travelers will carry a physical or electronic copy of their completed vaccination card or other medical record of vaccine administration for verification on arrival. Individual must remain asymptomatic. If symptoms occur, the individual will coordinate with the base PHEO or competent medical authority and follow COVID-19 procedures for isolation/quarantine. All deviations to the ROM procedures will be routed as an ETP.

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(2) **Up-To-Date.** Individuals are considered up-to-date if they have received all recommended COVID-19 vaccines, including any booster dose(s) when eligible in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html>. The CDC has not yet approved children ages 5-11 to receive boosters; if fully vaccinated they are considered up-to-date. Similarly, the CDC has not yet approved any vaccines for a 2nd booster dose; all fully-vaccinated personnel who have received a booster are considered up-to-date regardless of how much time has passed since the booster was administered.

(a) **Up-to-date with vaccinations.** SOFA status personnel, arriving in Japan from another country, will not incur a ROM if they are up-to-date with vaccinations and have received a negative arrival test. An international entry test at a commercial airport will meet this requirement. Mask wear off base is still required. The following procedures apply:

1. Up-to-date travelers must be in receipt of negative arrival COVID test result before transiting to and using any additional public transportation to include follow-on domestic flights or trains.

(b) **Fully vaccinated (but not up-to-date).** SOFA status personnel who are fully vaccinated (but not up-to-date) shall travel directly to their domicile and will be restricted to a U.S. installation(s) for a ROM period of 7 days (168 hours after arrival in Japan). The following conditions apply during ROM:

1. Public transportation is authorized, with a negative arrival test result, within the first 24 hours after arrival to allow travelers to arrive at their domicile. Strict COVID mitigation measures must be followed to include mask wear after arrival to their final destination, public transportation is not authorized during the ROM period.

2. On or after day 3 of ROM individuals may take a viral COVID test and, if the result is negative, they may end ROM after day 3.

3. Asymptomatic Individuals may exit ROM without a viral test after day 7 of ROM, with approval from a CMA.

4. Personnel residing off-installation, must remain in their domicile or may conduct travel non-stop between their domicile and place of work on a U.S. installation via POV/GOV or cycling/walking during their ROM. Off-installation the use of mass transit is not authorized.

5. During the ROM period, fully-vaccinated individuals may have access to all on-installation facilities while maintaining strict COVID mitigation procedures.

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6. Upon receipt of a negative COVID-19 test in Japan, by either MTF or approved commercial means (to include Japanese testing conducted upon arrival to commercial international airports), essential services off installation is authorized for fully vaccinated personnel.

(c) Unvaccinated. All SOFA status personnel that are not fully vaccinated shall travel directly to their domicile and remain there for a ROM period of 7 days (168 hours after arrival in the Japan). Exiting domicile for animal welfare is authorized during ROM. The following conditions apply during ROM:

1. Public transportation is authorized, with a negative arrival test result, within the first 24 hours after arrival to allow travelers to arrive at their domicile. Strict COVID mitigation measures must be followed to include mask wear. After arrival to their final destination, public transportation is not authorized during the ROM period.

2. On or after day 3 of ROM individuals may take a viral COVID test and, if the result is negative, they may end ROM after day 3.

3. Asymptomatic individuals may exit ROM without a viral test after day 7 of ROM with approval from a CMA.

(d) Individuals within 90 days of a positive SARS CoV-2 test. SOFA status personnel arriving in Japan from another country that have tested positive to SARS CoV-2 within the previous 90 days will follow a ROM based on their vaccination status except for testing requirements. After completion of ROM, asymptomatic individuals may have the restriction to their installation (their residence if living outside an installation or if denied access to a USFJ installation) removed. ROM exit testing on or after day 3 is not required with approval from a CMA. The following procedures apply:

1. Previous results will be reviewed by a unit travel coordinator who has been designated in writing to perform this function or competent medical authority. All travelers will carry a physical or electronic copy of their appropriate documentation approved by a competent medical authority (CMA). Commands who appropriately verify previous status may choose to allow their personnel to conduct the ROM period prescribed above.

2. The individual must remain asymptomatic for the duration of the respective ROM period. If symptoms occur, the individual will coordinate with the base PHEO or competent medical authority and follow COVID-19 procedures for isolation/quarantine.

5. This memorandum is punitive and constitutes a lawful order for service members. Service members, civilian employees, and dependents can be subject to disciplinary and/or administrative action for violations.

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6. NAF Atsugi, Covid-19 case counts continue to drop as we and the rest of Japan emerge from Wave 6. This is great news and results in further relaxations of restrictions with respect to mask-wear on installations and ROM requirements. We will continue to partner with GOJ, prefectural, and local government in the necessary precautions and restrictions aimed to keep us all safe. I want to thank you all for your steadfast support to each other and ask that you continue to stay safe and lend a helpful hand when able. We will re-assess these restrictions, at a minimum, when the local SOE is lifted.


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