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Subj: MCIPAC-MCBB COVID-19 IN-STRIDE GUIDANCE FOR UNITS IN OKINAWA

Ref: (a) FRAGO 03 to HQMC Coronavirus Response EXORD: Update to Reporting
(b) COMMCICOM FRAGO 034 to MCICOM OPORD 02-20
(c) USFJ Force Public Health (FHP) Order 22-010
(d) FRAGO 009 to III MEF/MARFORJ COVID-19 Outbreak Response EXORD 22-010
(e) MARADMIN 354/21 dtd 9 Jul 2021
(f) DoD Force Health Protection Supplement 20: DoD Guidance for Personnel Traveling During the COVID-19 Pandemic
(g) Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandum: Updated Mask Guidance for all DOD Installations and Other Facilities (28 July 2021)

Encl: (1) Restriction of Movement and Quarantine Guidance
(2) Face Coverings and Mask Wear Policy
(3) FAQ about Pre-Travel COVID-19 Tests

1. Applicability. This Bulletin applies to Marine Corps installations and camps in Okinawa. Informed by the references, all (Marine Corps Installations Pacific- Marine Corps Base Camp Butler (MCIPAC-MCBB) installation commanders throughout the region shall implement policies tailored to their location's conditions in conjunction with their respective regional service component, using this Bulletin for guidance.

Situation. As of 11 October 2022, Japan's borders will return to a visa-free independent tourism travel status as well as the removal of the daily cap. Family and Friends of MCIPAC personnel stationed Japan can now visit (for stays of up to 90 days or less without a need for a visa). However, the previous rules for entry still apply. Travelers who are fully vaccinated and have received at least one COVID-19 booster are not required to conduct a PCR test (within 72 hours prior to departure or at airport of departure) or test upon arrival. Travelers who are not fully vaccinated or have not received at least one booster are still required to receive a negative molecular test (PCR, LAMP, TMA, NEAR) within 72 hours of their flight. Travelers who do not receive a molecular test within 72 hours are required to conduct a rapid COVID-19 test upon arrival to Japan. Children 6 and under may assume the vaccination status of their least vaccinated parent/guardian present during travel. For example, if a family of three (two parents and 6 year old) are traveling to Japan, and both parents have received at least one COVID-19 booster vaccination, an unvaccinated 6 year old does not need a pre-travel or arrival test. For travelers who test positive, Camp Fuji and Headquarters Support Battalion Isolation facilities are no longer available. The most likely Course of Action (COA) is isolation at a Government of Japan (GoJ) isolation facility. Government assets cannot be used to support the transportation of positive non-Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) members to US installations. Commands or organizations may coordinate GOV or

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POV transportation of SOFA personnel who test positive, but are not required to do so. If no transportation has been coordinated, personnel will conduct isolation at a GoJ isolation facility. To reiterate, in order to avoid these issues, travelers must have either received at least one COVID-19 vaccination booster (no pre-travel and no arrival test required) or conduct a molecular COVID-19 test within 72 hours of the international flight to Japan (no arrival test required). The GoJ questionnaire remains a requirement. Once a traveler has their seat number for the international flight to Japan, utilize <https://arqs-qa.followup.mhlw.go.jp/>. Complete the questionnaire and take a screenshot of the QR code. This accomplishes the same requirement as the MySOS app, but ensures OPSEC safeguards.

2. Cancellation. MCIPAC-MCBBBul 1610 dated 22 September 2022.

3. Mission. MCIPAC-MCBB executes deliberate Force Health Protection (FHP) measures to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 transmission within the MCIPAC-MCBB community in order to protect the force and maintain readiness.

4. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent. MCIPAC-MCBB employs conditions-based, medically-informed measures to protect the health of personnel who work and live aboard MCIPAC-MCBB installations, preserve force readiness, and protect the local community. Exercising sound judgment, disciplined adherence to social distancing requirements, vaccinations, and proper wear of face coverings are all critical to ensure our MCIPAC-MCBB population remains safe from the lasting effects of COVID-19, and that we keep faith with our SOFA members, our tenants, and the local community.

(2) Concept of Operations. The MCIPAC-MCBB COVID Response Cell will coordinate with the Joint COVID Response Cell (JCRC), the United States Naval Hospital Okinawa (USNHO), other tenant organizations and MCIPAC-MCBB installations in order to develop and disseminate COVID-19 policies and handle reporting requirements.

b. Tasks

(1) MCIPAC-MCBB Camp and Installation Commanders

(a) Ensure the training, education, and compliance with COVID-19 policies, including (Restriction of Movement (ROM), travel, and mask wear, for all personnel and implement additional guidance needed to respond to local conditions as required.

(b) Ensure Situation Reports (SITREPS) and additional reporting requirements are submitted via the reporting timelines and formats that have been established via separate correspondence.

(c) Ensure mask wear requirements are current and publicly communicated for widest dissemination to include being posted at all gates and on managed websites.

(2) Communication Strategy and Operations. Be prepared to (BPT) assist Installation and Camp Commanders to design, produce, and distribute physical signs and digital information to managed websites to communicate the mask wear requirement.

c. Coordinating Instructions

(1) ROM in Japan, for personnel arriving from outside the country, is determined by vaccination status and entry testing. 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. The manner in which the ROM is conducted and the length of ROM can be found in enclosure (1).

(2) Mask wearing requirements are outlined in enclosure (2).

(3) Unvaccinated personnel are prohibited from transporting individuals that require ROM or from being assigned to any isolation support billet.

(4) All personnel are required to comply with the staff directives and posted mitigation measures when on other U.S. installations.

(5) MCIPAC-MCBB personnel in Japan shall adhere to all travel and COVID-19 related guidance, restrictions and policy to include required pre-travel and entry testing. Any unresolved travel approval authority clarifications should be addressed to the MCIPAC-MCBB G-1 by the member's military or supervisory chain of command.

(6) All MCIPAC-MCBB personnel should practice good Operation Security (OPSEC). All Protected Health Information (PHI) and Personally Identifiable Information (PII), when transmission is required, will be transmitted via encrypted email and if databases are sent, password protected. No collaboration platform is to be used to communicate PHI/PII.

(7) Day Pass and Escorted Host-Nation Visitors. Camp or Station Commanders throughout the region will determine local policy for visitor access for their respective installations based on their risk assessments.

(8) Regardless of vaccination status, participation in counseling, religious services, and other essential services where social distancing can be maintained is authorized. Essential services include: medical appointments and counseling (marriage, Alcoholics Anonymous, etc.); veterinary services; grocery shopping; banking and bill payment; gas stations; vehicle repair services; postal services; and specific PCS-related activities.

(9) All personnel shall self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms. If any symptoms of concern develop (fever or chills, sore throat, fatigue, loss of taste or smell, cough, congestion, headache, runny nose, muscle aches, difficulty breathing, nausea, and diarrhea), personnel will call the USNHO or their medical provider to speak with a medical representative to address follow on actions.

5. Administration and Logistics

a. Administration

(1) This Bulletin and enclosures can be provided upon request through your supervisor or your sponsor and/or their chain of command.

(2) Information regarding Exceptions to Policy (ETP) can be provided upon request through your supervisor or your sponsor and/or their chain of command.

b. Logistics. Commanders are responsible for completing any administrative requirements as well as coordinating and supporting the sustainment and life support for any individual in isolation or quarantine.

6. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Bulletin is applicable to uniformed personnel, SOFA dependents, civilians, contractors, host-nation employees, and all other persons granted access to Marine Corps installations, facilities, or areas on Okinawa.

(1) Military Personnel. Violations by military personnel are subject to punishment under Article 92, Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) as violations of a lawful general order. Commanders will become familiar with Article 84 of the UCMJ (Breach of Medical Quarantine).

(2) Department of Defense (DoD) Civilian Employees. Failure to comply with this Bulletin by U.S. civilian employees may result in disciplinary, administrative action and/or a determination that the employee has failed to adjust to the overseas environment.

(3) SOFA Dependents. Violations by SOFA dependents may result in administrative sanctions, up to and including loss of command sponsorship and an early return of dependents.

(4) Other Personnel with Installation Access. Commands, installations, family members, DoD and host nation civilian employees, DoD retirees, contractors, and any other personnel with access and a desire to gain and maintain access to installations must follow service member Health Protection Condition (HPCON) directives as they apply to on-installation resources and activities.

b. Signal. This Bulletin is effective as of date signed. This policy shall be reviewed and updated as the operating environment warrants.



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Restriction of Movement and Quarantine Guidance

1. Effective 11 October 2022, Travelers who test positive at a commercial airport will isolate at a GoJ isolation facility (GoJ officials at the airport will coordinate this) or may attempt to arrange transportation to a U.S. installation via GOV or POV through their command (this option is only available to SOFA members). The Fuji Express and Headquarters and Support Battalion isolation facilities are no longer an option. The key to avoid any issues is to ensure personnel arriving in Japan have received at least one COVID-19 vaccination booster or received the appropriate test within the required timeline. Listed below are the travel requirements for Japan:

Pre-Travel Test for Entry/Reentry into Japan:

If not boosted: Molecular test within 72 hours of the flight to Japan.

Molecular test is a nucleic acid amplification test such as RT-PCR, LAMP, TMA, NEAR [e.g. Abbott ID-NOW].

If boosted with at least 1 COVAX booster: No pre-travel test required.

Travelers who require a pre-travel test, but fail to get a molecular test within 72 hours of flight to Japan, are required to a rapid antigen COVID-19 test on arrival (COMAIR and MILAIR). Must wait for results before using any public transportation. Upon a negative result, no further restrictions. If positive, must conduct isolation at GoJ isolation facility (GoJ officials will coordinate) or coordinate GOV/POV transportation to a US installation to complete isolation.

Prior Positive in the last 90 Days and Not Boosted: If utilizing COMAIR, call ahead to ensure your commercial airline will accept the letter. If allowed to fly, upon arrival in Japan, the traveler is required to conduct a rapid antigen COVID-19 test and must wait for results before using any public transportation. Upon a negative result, no further restrictions. Prior positives in the last 90 days who test positive on the rapid antigen test must also utilize GOV/POV transportation to a US installation to be evaluated by competent medical authority. Upon clearance from the CMA, prior positives can immediately return to the airport, via any transportation means, for continued travel. Non-SOFA travelers who test positive while automatically be transferred to a GoJ isolation facility.

GoJ Questionnaire: Once a traveler has their seat number for the international flight to Japan, utilize <https://arqs-qa.followup.mhlw.go.jp/>. Complete the questionnaire and take a screenshot of the QR code. This accomplishes the same requirement as the MySOS app, but ensures OPSEC safeguards.

Arrival Testing in Japan:

o **If boosted:** No arrival test.

o **If not boosted, but received pre-travel molecular negative result:** No arrival test.

o **If not boosted and received pre-travel antigen:** Arrival test required.

o **If prior positive on COMAIR and. no pre-travel molecular:** Arrival test required. No arrival test if utilizing MILAIR.

a. Exercise and operations occurring outside Japan may not require these additional testing measures due to occurring in locations with a stable COVID-19 situation. The III Marine Expeditionary Force MEF G-3 will approve which locations do not require these additional testing measures. For these approved locations, redeploying personnel will follow normal entry/reentry testing and ROM requirements for Japan. Task Force Safe Guard (TFSG) can provide details on which locations are approved for normal procedures.

b. All travelers entering Japan should have a copy of their orders on their person. For SOFA personnel who are not service members, orders may be in the form of: civilian employees/their dependents – letter of employment; contractors - letter of authorization; service member dependents – a copy of the Permanent Change of Duty Station (PCS) orders to Japan.

c. Up-To-Date. Those who are less than 6 months since second Moderna dose, less than 6 months

since second Pfizer dose, less than 2 months since Janssen dose OR the traveler has received all booster doses when eligible in accordance with (IAW) Center for Disease Control (CDC) and DoD guidance (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html>.) with any booster of choice.

(1) Per the Government of Japan (GOJ) guidance, personnel who have received at least one booster can enter the country without a COVID-19 pre-test regardless of age.

(2) Personnel are still required to wear a mask at the international airport.

d. Fully Vaccinated but are not boosted. Those who have not received at least one booster, require arrival testing and are restricted to their domicile or residence until receipt of a negative arrival COVID-19 test. Personnel arriving at an international airport with follow on travel requiring public transportation, must wait for their result before utilizing public transportation:

(1) Public transportation is authorized, with a negative arrival test result test performed by the commercial airport or performed under competent oversight on a U.S. installation, in the first 24 hours after arrival to allow travelers to arrive at their domicile. Strict COVID-19 mitigation measures must be followed to include mask wear, avoiding crowds, practicing social distancing procedures, and hand and cough hygiene.

(2) Per the GOJ guidance, personnel who have received at least one booster to enter the country without a COVID-19 pre-test regardless of age.

e. If the test is positive, the individual will transition to isolation and continue to be evaluated by medical personnel.

f. Personnel testing positive for COVID-19, are required to complete a minimum of 5 full days in isolation (starting from symptom onset for symptomatic patients or the date of test for asymptomatic patients), 2 days restricted to U.S. installations with strict mitigation measures for a minimum of 7 days on installation or at a permanently assigned off-base domicile, must wear a mask for 10 days and avoid places where unable to wear a mask.

(1) While on installation restriction, individuals may travel directly between their personal off-base domicile and U.S. installations only in which they have essential business. Personally owned vehicle (POV), government owned vehicle (GOV), walking and cycling are authorized. Use of public transportation is not authorized for the full 10 days from the start of symptoms (or positive test result, if asymptomatic).

(2) 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, except as stated for transportation to domicile per paragraph (1).

(3) Mission essential MILAIR travel between days 6-10 after testing positive may now be approved by the first O6 in the traveler's chain of command. The CDC now authorizes COMAIR/MILAIR travel after completing and being released from a 5 day isolation period. Travel between days 6-10 must be conducted wearing a high-quality mask or respirator when around others indoors. If wearing a high-quality mask or respirator is not possible, the travel should be rescheduled to day 11 or later.

g Unvaccinated. All others. All personnel who 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 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 test performed by the commercial airport or performed under competent oversight on a U.S. installation, in the first 24 hours after arrival to allow travelers to arrive at their domicile. Strict COVID-19 mitigation measures must be followed to include mask wear, avoiding crowds, practicing social distancing procedures, and hand and cough hygiene. After arrival to their final destination, public transportation is not authorized during the ROM period.

(2) Asymptomatic individuals may exit ROM without a viral test after day 5 of ROM, with approval from a CMA and we will be restricted to base or off base domicile.

h. Individuals within 90 days of a positive COVID-19 result.

(3) All personnel arriving in Japan from another country that have tested positive for COVID-19 within the previous 90 days and have not received at least one booster will follow a ROM based on their vaccination status. These individuals would not normally undergo repeat testing within 90 days per CDC recommendations, but testing is required on entry at Japanese commercial airports if the travelers has not received at least one booster. If the test is positive, the traveler will isolate on a U.S. installation until the competent medical authority approves an alternate plan. 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 U.S. installation) removed. ROM exit testing on or after day 3 is not required with approval from a Competent Medical Authority (CMA). The following procedures apply:

(a) 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 CMA. Commands who appropriately verify previous status may choose to allow their personnel to conduct the ROM period prescribed above.

(b) The individual must remain asymptomatic for the duration of the respective ROM period. If symptoms occur, the individual will coordinate with the base Physical Health Emergency Officer (PHEO) or CMA and follow COVID-19 procedures for isolation/quarantine.

i. Installation Commanders shall ensure strict compliance with ROM requirements by newly arrived personnel from outside Japan. For example, personnel who are not fully vaccinated will not be allowed to attend newcomer briefs until the completion of ROM requirements. Installation commanders will ensure processes are in place to document or certify the completion of ROM by newly arrived personnel.

2. All personnel (to include DoD civilian and contract personnel IAW their statement of work) deployed to or Temporary Additional Duty/ Temporary Duty Travel (TAD/TDY) to Japan must be fully vaccinated prior to entering Japan. This includes operational movement, individual augmentees, and exercise support personnel.

3. ROM Exceptions to Policy

a. Transient Aircrew will follow the fully vaccinated/unvaccinated procedures of the transient location, if more restrictive than the guidance published in reference (d).

b. Emergency Leave and Red Cross Notifications in Japan

(1) For personnel currently in a travel-related ROM status, who need to take emergency leave due to circumstances such as Red Cross notifications, the ROM waiver authority for MCIPAC-MCBB personnel is Commanding General (CG) MCIPAC-MCBB. Emergency Leave (E-Leave) may be routed for approval based on the judgment of the O-5 Commander or equivalent supervisors for U.S. Appropriated Fund (APF)/Non-appropriated Fund (NAF) employees. E-Leave ETPs will not delay the traveler's departure and will be processed on the first business day after command notification of the family emergency.

(2) Travelers will develop a mitigation plan for transit from ROM location to final destination as part of the ETP package that limits or denies exposure to others. The mitigation plan will include, but is not limited to: COVID-19 PCR test, travel itinerary, any COVID-19 safety measures implemented such as wearing a face covering, plan upon arrival at final destination, plan upon return to home station (such as ROM and exit testing).

(3) An ETP for individuals in quarantine or isolation due to exposure to a COVID-19 positive individual as well as any individuals showing signs of COVID-19 symptoms will not be granted.

c. Departing Japan via COMAIR before completion of ROM

(1) All travelers arriving in Japan from another country are prohibited from using commercial air, while in a ROM, quarantine, or isolation status. If attempting to depart Japan via commercial air before completing ROM, it requires an ETP approved by the Chief of Staff, USFJ and coordination with the GoJ via USFJ J5 Plans and Policy for Alliance Management identifying those that are leaving. ETPs will be limited to those required for operational impacts and humanitarian reasons, and not for morale or quality of life purposes.

(2) Transportation to a Japanese international airport for a flight departing the country must be done via POV/GOV. For personnel in Okinawa, this means MILAIR/Gov-Chartered air must be utilized to get personnel approved by this ETP to an international airport in mainland, Japan. Upon arriving to mainland, Japan via MILAIR, if follow-on ground transportation is needed, it must be conducted via POV/GOV or approved chauffeured vehicles.

(3) The following information will be included with the ETP package: Individual(s) Name; Flight Number/Arrival/Departure Times/Airport; Verification of POV/GOC transport plan; Verification of COVID-19 test w/in 72 hours of departure;

(4) Individual(s) will not be authorized to travel if they exhibit COVID-19 symptoms on date of departure.

(5) Once endorsed by the CG, MCIPAC-MCBB, ETPs will be sent to USFJ Mailbox J5 at indopacom.yokota.usfj-j54.list.all@mail.mil for USFJ approval, Ccing [TFSG CORC@usmc.mil](mailto:TFSG_CORC@usmc.mil).

4. Quarantine guidance is now based on several factors and personnel will be considered Up-To-Date (UTD) or Non-UTD close contacts.

UTD Close Contacts are those who are less than 6 months since second Moderna dose, less than 6 months since second Pfizer dose, less than 2 months since Janssen dose OR have received all booster doses when eligible IAW CDC and DoD guidance (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html>.) with any booster of choice; this guidance is subject to change based on CDC recommendations. Close contacts are no longer required to quarantine at home. However, individuals in quarantine will remain on installation or domicile for a minimum of 5 days (no activities off-base outside one's permanently assigned domicile), while practicing strict mitigation strategies including avoiding crowds, wearing a mask at all times around others, practicing social distancing procedures, and hand and cough hygiene for a total of 10 days.

a. Non-UTD Close Contacts are those more than 6 months since second Moderna dose, more than 6 months since second Pfizer dose, more than 2 months since Janssen dose AND not boosted. These personnel must wear a mask for 10 days and be restricted to US installations (or permanently assigned domicile) for 5 days or until cleared by competent medical authorities and should test on day 5 after last known exposure. If contact trace efforts are delayed and close contacts are not identified until after day 5, if they have been asymptomatic the entire time they do not need to test.

b. If a close contact lives with a positive patient:

(1) UTD Close Contacts are not required to test unless symptomatic.

(2) Non-UTD/Unvaccinated Close Contact(s) will be confined to their domicile through the positive patient's isolation period. After the positive patient is deemed recovered by competent medical authority, the Non-UTD Close Contact will begin their 5 day strict quarantine and be tested on day 5 or later.

(3) If at any point a close contact becomes symptomatic, the patient should be tested as a Person Under Investigation (PUI) and isolate. If the test is negative, the close contact will continue with the close contact timeline. If the test is positive, the close contact will transition to positive protocols.

c. For personnel previously positive within the last 90 days who remain asymptomatic after recovery, in the event of subsequent close contact with confirmed positive individuals, additional quarantine (including post-travel quarantine) is not necessary or recommended as long as they remain symptom-free. Consultation with CMA is required to make a final determination.

(1) These individuals will continue to self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 for the duration of the next 10 days but quarantine and testing is not required.

(2) In the event they become symptomatic, they should immediately self-isolate and seek medical attention to determine if repeat testing is necessary.

5. All contact traces should be completed within 24 hours and CDC contact trace logs must be sent to usn.butler.navhospokinawaja.mesg.covidcellsupervisors@mail.mil, CC'ing MCIPAC_COVID-19@usmc.mil and TFSG_CORC@usmc.mil.

6. For travelers in quarantine status, the pre-travel test within 3 days (MILAIR) or 1 day (COMAIR) of travel must be on or after day 5 (MILAIR) or must be on or after day 7 (COMAIR) of quarantine otherwise an additional test will be required for travel.

7. Marine Forces Japan (MARFORJ) personnel who test positive on the arrival test at Haneda or Narita should call Fuji Express for transportation to Camp Fuji at 080-8591-8983/8977.

Face Coverings and Mask Wear Policy

1. SOFA status personnel are no longer required to wear a mask while indoors or outdoors on USFJ installations as long as community transmission in the local area remains below the high level as defined by the CDC. Mask wear off installation is required, except as indicated in paragraph 5 below.

a. When the CDC COVID-19 Community Level is high in the local area, indoor mask-wear is required for all SOFA personnel and visitors, regardless of vaccination status.

b. When the CDC COVID-19 Community Level is medium or low in the local area, indoor mask-wear is not required for SOFA personnel or visitors, unless more rigorous measures have been implemented locally. Masks must be worn by all visitors, patients, and personnel working in DoD healthcare facilities IAW DoD and Defense Health Agency (DHA) guidance. Regardless of the CDC COVID-19 Community Level, mask wear is required for PUIs (those with symptoms), positive patients in their isolation window, and close contacts in their quarantine window.

2. Regardless of COVID-19 Community Level, masks will be worn on all DoD public transportation assets (e.g. planes, water transport, buses, trains, taxi's, and ride-shares), excluding tactical vehicles (e.g. ships, submarines, aircraft, and other tactical vehicles and craft) and buses that remain on installation or between installations.

3. Individuals will wear a mask in government cars, vans, or other low occupancy transportation assets in areas where the COVID-19 Community Level is high when traveling with others.

4. The local area is defined as the installation's local commuting area taking into account on base locations and off-base locations which SOFA affiliated personnel regularly visit or commute. In Okinawa, the local area is defined as the island of Okinawa.

5. CDC uses a combination of three metrics to define the level threshold for community transmission levels found at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/community-levels.html#anchor_82254. Currently Okinawa is at the medium level.

6. Base/Camp commanders may impose mask wearing for the protection of the force on their installation.

7. While off USFJ installations, all personnel are required to wear masks regardless of vaccination status with the following exceptions:

a. When in a resident's assigned domicile.

b. For brief periods when eating or drinking.

c. When necessary to reasonably accommodate an individual with a disability.

d. When conducting physical activities outside by themselves or with cohabitants.

e. For individuals below the age of two.

f. When off-base and indoors (excluding a personal residence), personnel will wear a mask with the exception of eating or drinking.

g. When personnel are off base and outdoors, masks are not required when able to maintain social distancing. Pre-elementary (age 5 and below) children are not required to wear a mask outdoors off-base.

FAQ about Pre-Travel COVID-19 Tests

1. Do I need a Pre-Travel COVID-19 Test leaving Okinawa?

a. Per CDC guidance released on 11 June 2022 with an effective date of 0001 EDT 12 June 2022, press statements made by the White House, and USFJ Force Health Protection Order 22-005 published on 12 June 2022, pre-travel testing is no longer required for SOFA members on flights bound for the U.S. (COMAIR and MILAIR/PE).

b. If going to a location that requires pre-travel testing: COMAIR 1 day prior to flight; MILAIR 3 days prior to flight (we recommend testing 2 days prior to account for any flight delays); ensure you check and comply with the Foreign Clearance Guide requirements regarding your international destination.

2. Do I need a Pre-Travel COVID-19 test to return to Japan? (2 options):

a. Personnel who are fully vaccinated and have received at least one booster are not required to conduct an entry test in order to enter Japan. Children 6 and under may assume the vaccination status of their least vaccinated parent/guardian present during travel. For example, if a family of three (two parents and 6 year old) are traveling to Japan, if both parents have received at least one COVID-19 booster vaccination, an unvaccinated 6 year old does not need a pre-travel or arrival test. Personnel who have not received at least one booster have the following two options:

(1) (Option 1) All personnel who have not received at least one booster (to include age 2 or younger) may conduct a pre-travel molecular COVID-19 test (nucleic acid amplification test i.e. RT-PCR, LAMP, TMA, NEAR [e.g. Abbott ID-NOW]) no more than 72 hours before departure via commercial or military air. If results are negative, these personnel are exempt from ROM and arrival testing, regardless of vaccination status.

(2) (Option 2) Personnel who conduct pre-travel antigen testing are required to conduct arrival testing at point of entry. If results are negative these personnel are clear to proceed to final destination. If you test positive on arrival testing, you will isolate at a GoJ isolation facility (GoJ officials at the airport will coordinate this) or may attempt to arrange transportation to a U.S. installation via GOV or POV through their command. If GOV or POV transportation to a U.S. installation cannot be arranged, they will have to complete an isolation period at a GoJ isolation facility (GoJ officials at the airport will coordinate). AMC flights will accept 90 Day Recovery Letters with no issue, the GoJ will not.

3. When and where do I go if going to international location that requires pre-travel testing?

a. Monday-Friday: MCIPAC-MCBB personnel will utilize USNHO drive thru. Weekend/Holiday testing for all SOFA personnel is conducted at the USNHO Drive Through.

USNHO Drive-Thru Testing

Departure flight is on...	Your test collection day is...	At this location:
Monday via MILAR	Saturday	USNHO Drive Through
Tuesday via MILAR	Saturday	
Wednesday via MILAR	Monday	
Thursday via MILAR	Tuesday	
Friday via MILAR	Wednesday	
Saturday via MILAR	Thursday	

Sunday via MILAR	Friday	
COMAIR	1 day prior IAW USNHO Drive Through Hours	

- USNHO Drive Through is open seven days a week from 0730-1200. See FIGURE 1 graphic.

4. How do I obtain my results?

a. For those with TriCare, test results will post in your TriCare Online account. Results will typically post in 2-4 hours if needing a 1 day test and on in the evening following your 3 day test.

b. For those without TriCare, please drop off a completed DD-2870 (boxes 1-13) at the time of your Drive-Through test. Explain your flight information in Box 8; an example is on the USNHO webpage. Your result will be emailed to the address you provide on the next calendar day.

5. What if it is the afternoon of the next day and I still do not have my results?

a. If it is after 2000 on the next day and you do not yet have your results, you should call your command/organization COVID-19 representative for assistance and they will help investigate.

6. I'm having symptoms that could be COVID-19. May I use the Pre-Travel COVID-19 Testing Line?

a. The laboratory process is a bit different for people with symptoms, so we ask that you do not go for your travel test. Instead, contact your COVID-19 representative, call the Nurse Advice Line at 1-800-TRICARE, or schedule an appointment with your primary care manager to report your symptoms and arrange for diagnostic testing. This test will come back in plenty of time for your flight, and if the result is negative, you will still be permitted to depart. If you need immediate attention, go to the Emergency Department at the USNHO.

7. I have recovered from COVID-19. Do I still need the test?

a. If you have had COVID-19 within the last 3 months, you do not need to be retested. Bring your isolation discharge paperwork and a letter from a licensed healthcare provider or a public health official stating you are cleared to travel with you.

FIGURE 1 – USNHO Drive-Thru Testing

