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Ref: (a) Undersecretary of Defense (P & R) Memorandum of 29 Aug 22
(b) CNO WASHINGTON DC 111536Z APR 22 (NAVADMIN 093/22)
(c) COMNAVMARIANAS GU 110930Z MAY 22
(d) Naval Base Guam ltr 6200 Ser N00J/0177 of 12 May 22
(e) DoDI 6200.03, Public Health Emergency Management (PHEM) Within the DoD, March 28, 2019
(f) Commander, Joint Region Marianas ltr 6200 Ser J00J/034 of 06 Sep 22
(g) Governor of Guam Executive Order 2022-21, August 8, 2022
(h) Naval Base Guam ltr 6200 Ser N00J/0025 of 26 Jan 21

1. Situation. U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG), Joint Region Marianas (JRM), and the NBG Public Health Emergency Officer (PHEO) continue to monitor conditions related to the ongoing Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic onboard NBG, on the island of Guam, and throughout the region. At the time of issuance of this order, the following situation exists:

a. Higher Headquarters (HHQ) Guidance:

(1) The Undersecretary of Defense issued reference (a), Consolidated Department of Defense Coronavirus Disease 2019 Force Health Protection Guidance, on 29 August 2022, providing implementation guidance for management of installation-based HPCON levels.

(2) The Chief of Naval Operations issued reference (b), COVID-19 Standardized Operational Guidance (NAVADMIN 093/22) on 11 April 2022.

(3) Commander, Joint Region Marianas issued reference (c) on 12 May 2022, setting Health Protection Conditions on Guam installations and on-island commands at ALPHA.

(4) Commander, Joint Region Marianas issued reference (g) on 06 September 2022, updating mask policies.

b. The NBG PHEO continues to report sustained low numbers of Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) and COVID-19 cases onboard NBG over the preceding fourteen (14) days. The NBG PHEO has reported that the current data indicates that NBG remains a safe environment with adequate resources and capacity to promptly respond to a sudden, unexpected rise in cases.

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2. Health Protection Condition ALPHA. In light of the above situation and in accordance with references (a) and (b), NBG continues in HPCON ALPHA. This order is effective immediately. NBG remains postured for potential transition to HPCON BRAVO if conditions warrant.
3. Cancellation. Reference (d) and (h) is hereby cancelled. This public health order shall remain in effect until superseded or discontinued.
4. Applicability. This order is applicable to all personnel onboard NBG, including active duty service members, activated National Guard and reserve forces members, DoD and other U.S. Government civilian employees, dependents of military or civilian personnel, contractors, subcontractors, civilian mariners, indirect hire agreement employees, DoD beneficiaries, guests, and other individuals who are subject to DoD authority (personnel). This order is also applicable to all commands, activities, agencies, and departments who are permanent or temporary tenants or provide services onboard NBG (Tenant Commands).
5. Extension of Public Health Emergency. In accordance with reference (e), the declared Public Health Emergency onboard NBG is hereby extended until further notice.
6. Status of Installation Access and Services
 - a. Installation Access: All persons with valid base access credentials are authorized to access NBG at any time.
 - b. Installation Services: Status of official installation services are posted on the NBG Facebook page. See <https://www.facebook.com/USNavalBaseGuam> for the most up to date information regarding facility and services openings and operating hours.
7. Cloth Face Covering (CFC) Policy
 - a. In accordance with references (a) and (f) mask wear is required for personnel and visitors onboard all military treatment facilities (MTF). However, mask wear is not required for DoD personnel or visitors at all other NBG facilities.
 - b. All other tenant commands and installation programs may require mask wear within their facilities based on operational risk. All persons accessing such facilities or services shall comply with these more restrictive measures.
8. COVID-19 Additional Protection and Mitigation Measures
 - a. Physical Distancing: tenant commands and installation programs will implement measures to ensure at least six feet of separation in indoor areas whenever possible and outdoor areas which are crowded or where personnel are required to congregate.
 - b. Shelter-in-Place Order for Symptoms: Persons experiencing flu-like symptoms shall

shelter-in-place at their residence, contact appropriate medical authorities, and notify their Chain of Command. The USNH Guam Medical Screening Call Center is available at (671) 344-7122. Personnel experiencing flu-like symptoms are prohibited from transiting onboard NBG except to go to their on-base residence or to seek medical care.

c. Sanitary Practices: All persons onboard NBG shall practice sanitary hygiene protocols including regular handwashing with soap and warm water for at least twenty (20) seconds, use of hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol solution, cleaning and sanitization of regularly touched surfaces, the use of tissues, and sneezing or coughing into one's arm.

9. COVID 19 Case Management and Contact Tracing Procedures

a. Regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status, personnel who test positive for COVID 19 will remain out of the workplace for 5 days (day 0 is the day symptoms started or date of specimen collection if asymptomatic). Individuals may return to the DoD workplace after 5 days, if either:

(1) They have no symptoms.

(2) If they are afebrile for more than 24 hours and any remaining symptoms are resolved.

(3) Mask wearing must continue in the workplace for an additional 5 days (for a total of 10 days post-positive result), even if mask wearing otherwise is not required by DoD guidance.

(4) If fever, shortness of breath, or severe fatigue start or persist, the Service member will stay isolated until these symptoms resolve. The Service member should be seen and managed by medical personnel.

(5) A negative test is not required to discontinue isolation due to difficulty interpreting persistent positive results. This is consistent with the CDC's recommendation to NOT test during the 90-day period following initial diagnosis. This applies to all viral testing methodologies, including antigen testing.

b. Quarantine is not required for Service members who are close contacts and who are up-to date with an FDA licensed or authorized COVID-19 vaccine, or a World Health Organization Emergency Use Listing COVID-19 vaccine. Regardless of vaccination status, close contacts must wear a mask around others for 10 days, even if mask wearing is not otherwise required by DoD guidance, and if practical, test on day 5 following exposure. If symptoms develop, then the individual must get tested and isolate until test results are complete.

c. Close contact Service members who are not up-to-date with the COVID-19 vaccine must quarantine for 5 days. The Service member should wear a mask at all times when around other individuals, regardless of those individuals' vaccination status, and even if mask wearing is not otherwise required by DoD guidance. Testing should occur on day 5 after exposure. If no symptoms develop, quarantine may end after 5 days, but the Service member must continue to wear a mask around others for an additional 5 days (i.e., masks must be worn for a total of 10

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days after exposure, including the time in quarantine). If any symptoms develop at any time, the individual should be tested for COVID-19 and advised to isolate.

d. Asymptomatic personnel with potential exposure to COVID-19 based on close contact who are: (1) not fully vaccinated; or (2) are not up-to-date with the COVID-19 vaccine will remain out of the workplace for 5 days. Regardless of vaccination status, asymptomatic personnel with potential exposure to COVID-19 based on close contact must wear a mask in the workplace for 10 days, even if mask wearing otherwise is not required by DoD guidance.

e. Relationship to Disciplinary Investigations or Proceedings: NBG will not subject any individuals participating in contact tracing investigations to disciplinary action for statements made in the course of such investigations. NBG personnel conducting contact tracing investigations shall not administer rights advisements to personnel under investigation and shall not report suspected misconduct discovered in the course of contact tracing. Commands wishing to pursue disciplinary investigations or proceedings are advised against using contact tracing information as the basis for these actions.

10. Sustainment and Reporting. Sustainment. Parent commands are responsible for all sustainment activities for their personnel in ROM regardless of their ROM location. This includes transportation, medical and non-medical care, meals, hygiene, and quality of life (QOL) items. ROM Daily Reporting Requirements and COVID-19 CCIRs for non NBG activities is no longer required.

11. Enforcement. Violations of procedures, protocols, provisions, or orders issued in conjunction with this public health emergency may be charged criminally under the Uniform Code of Military Justice or under 42 U.S.C. § 271. Pursuant to that statute, violators are subject to a fine of up to \$1,000, imprisonment for not more than one year, or both. In addition, personnel found in violation of this order are subject to administrative actions including suspension of privileges and exclusion from the installation.

12. Point of Contact. Point of contact for this matter is the NBG Executive Officer, CDR Stephen Ansuini, USN. He can be reached at (671) 339-4226 or via email stephen.ansuini@fe.navy.mil.

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