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**GENERAL ORDER NUMBER 8**

**TITLE:** Prohibited Activities for Personnel within the Senior Responsible Officer Authority of the Commander, United States Army Maneuver Center of Excellence and Fort Benning

- 1. PURPOSE:** This General Order identifies conduct that is prejudicial to the good order, discipline, health, and safety of all personnel within the Maneuver Center of Excellence (MCoE) and Fort Benning Senior Responsible Officer Authority (SRO) area of responsibility.
- 2. AUTHORITY:** 10 U.S.C. Chapter 47 (Uniform Code of Military Justice); DOD Instruction 6200.03, Public Health Emergency Management (PHEM) Within the DOD, 28 March 2019; AR 600-20, Army Command Policy, 24 July 2020; AR 27-10, Military Justice, 1 January 2019.
- 3. APPLICABILITY:** This General Order applies to all individuals, whether military or Civilian, who are assigned, attached, live or work on, and visit the MCoE and Fort Benning SRO area of responsibility.
- 4. SUPERCESSION:** General Order #7, published 16 DEC 2020, is hereby rescinded.
- 5. STATEMENT OF MILITARY PURPOSE AND NECESSITY:** The United States continues its fight against COVID-19, and over the past several months much has been learned about the disease and much progress has been made in mitigating its effects. However, due to the aggressive spread of this virus, continued prevention and mitigation measures remain necessary to reduce its transmission. Restrictions on the way we conduct certain activities remain essential to preserving the health of Soldiers, Civilians, and Family Members. These mitigation measures though cannot cause damage to our collective health or morale. Therefore, what is outlined below are those restrictions which best position this installation and community to defend against the disease while maintaining as much normalcy in the way we conduct our business and live our lives as possible. We will continue to align ourselves with federal, state, and local guidelines. Additionally, when prudent, we will restrict certain activities in order to maintain good order and discipline, health and safety, and ensure the readiness of our force. We will continue to make decisions based on the disease, not our desires.
- 6. HYGIENE:** All personnel will wash their hands with soap and water for a minimum of 20 seconds, or use an alcohol based hand sanitizing gel, when entering common on-post areas such as the PX, Commissary, Mail Room, Barracks, etc. All personnel will adhere to hygiene instructions posted at MWR Facilities such as the gyms and library. All personnel will disinfect high touch areas, such as desks, light switches and door handles, no less than twice daily. Face masks and coverings must be worn whenever the appropriate social distancing of within **6 feet** of others cannot be maintained or when within an **enclosed space** with others.

**7. PROHIBITED OR AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES:** Personnel should approach their exposure to COVID as both a personal risk of exposure as well as the consequences of an infection on exposing others. If you are someone with (or living with someone who is at) increased risk for health complications with COVID you should take increased measures beyond the restrictions of this order. If you are someone who is not at increased risk, you have a moral obligation to prevent spreading COVID to other individuals. Keep in mind that this virus is routinely spread by individuals who are infected but do not realize they are contagious. The restrictions of this policy can be broken down into two categories. The first category is where you are able to socially distance and be outside. In this instance, risk is minimal and individuals are authorized to participate in such activities. The other category is situations where close contact is unavoidable, such as commercial travel, and individual actions should focus on prevention of infection and prevention of spread to others.

**a. On-Post/Off-Post Ceremonies and Organized Events:**

(1) **Outdoor Ceremonies and Organized Events:** Ceremonies and personally organized events are allowed where a distance of six (6) feet or more can be maintained. Personnel are prohibited to attend when social distancing cannot be implemented.

(2) **Indoor Ceremonies and Organized Events:** Meetings, Ceremonies and personally organized events may not exceed more than 25 personnel unless an ETP is approved by the first Colonel (O-6) in the CoC and social distancing can be implemented at the venue. Follow CDC guidelines found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/considerations-for-events-gatherings.html>).

**b. Off-Post Limitations and Restrictions:**

(1) **Restaurants:** Indoor dining is limited to restaurants that implement social distancing between tables and where restaurant employees are wearing face masks. Time spent in the establishment should be minimized to decrease exposure risk. There are no restrictions to outdoor dining establishments where social distancing is implemented between tables.

(2) **Bars:** Attendance at bars, defined as a location that makes 50% or more of their revenue from alcohol sales, is prohibited.

(3) **Local Gyms:** Personnel may use gyms that implement social distancing and gym employees wear face masks. Time spent at an indoor off-post gym should be minimized to decrease exposure risk. Masks must be worn at all times inside these facilities.

(4) **Other Outdoor Activities:** All other outdoor activities are permitted so long as they are done IAW federal, state, and local guidelines, and participants are maintaining proper social distancing of six (6) feet.

c. **Restriction of Movement (ROM).** All personnel are required to adhere to the directives of medical personnel and Commanders regarding an Order into Quarantine or Isolation, and to the current Fort Benning policy on personnel movement. Persons that are recommended to test, isolate, or quarantine by the Public Health Emergency Officer or members of the FBGA Preventative Medicine Team will comply with the given guidance. Civilians and Family Members must adhere to these directives and applicable local restrictions. **Commanders or supervisors are not allowed to order personnel who have been ordered into quarantine or isolation to return to the workplace.**

(1) Personnel Under Investigation (PUI) and close contacts of a PUI will be placed in administrative quarantine under ROM in designated on-post facilities, their on-post residence, or their off-post residence pending test results.

(2) Personnel tested for COVID-19 are prohibited from coming to the workplace while pending test results. **Commanders or supervisors are not allowed to direct personnel pending COVID-19 test results to come to the workplace. Telework-eligible personnel will perform telework. Civilian employees not eligible for telework will be placed on weather and safety leave pending results.**

(3) Quarantined personnel must immediately inform their chain of command and/or medical personnel if they exhibit any medical symptoms. Quarantined personnel will be placed in isolation under ROM in designated on-post facilities, their on-post residence, or their off-post residence for a period of no less than 14 days, or as otherwise directed from medical personnel.

(4) Personnel confirmed positive will be placed in isolation under ROM in designated on-post facilities, their on-post residence, or their off-post residence for a period of no less than 10 days, or as otherwise directed from medical personnel.

(5) All quarantined or isolated personnel must cooperate with the directives of the Garrison Commander (GC), his designees, and medical personnel, including any directives concerning the virus monitoring process. The GC's directives will be in accordance with all applicable laws, regulations, and public health and safety policies.

(6) Personnel quarantined or isolated in on-post facilities will follow all directives concerning conduct within the facility, to include any limitations concerning contact with other quarantined or isolated personnel.

(7) All other personnel aside from those quarantined or isolated are prohibited from entering on-post quarantine or isolation facilities, except personnel assigned duties by order of the GC or his designee.

(8) Personnel that are tested for COVID-19 or receive a positive test result, outside the Martin Army Hospital network, will notify their chain of command, supervisor, and/or their contract POC. This will be followed by quarantine or isolation protocols immediately following the administration of the test until otherwise directed by a medical professional.

(9) All personnel that receive a positive test result will cooperate fully and accurately with the Fort Benning Contact Trace Teams.

8. **LEAVE OR PASS TRAVEL:** There is no mileage limitation on TDY, Leave, or Pass. Commanders are responsible for making risk based decisions on individual travel. Individuals traveling by POV must maintain standard protective posture through the duration of their travel to include social distancing, mask use, and proper hygiene. Individuals travelling via commercial means will employ safety mitigation measures, such as: wearing of a mask at all times; wipe down seats and tray tables, and use of hand sanitizer.

9. **INDIVIDUAL DUTY:** Persons subject to this General Order have the individual duty to know and understand the principles of the mitigation measures and prohibitions contained herein. They have a further duty to become familiar with and respect the laws and regulations of the state and local authorities regarding COVID-19 prevention. Violations of state and local laws and regulations may result in criminal punishment or adverse administrative action.

10. **UNIT COMMANDER RESPONSIBILITY:** Unit commanders shall ensure their personnel are briefed on the prohibitions and requirements of this order.

11. **WAIVERS AND AUTHORITY:** Requests for waivers of any provision of this General Order by military personnel may be approved by the first Colonel (O-6) in the chain of command. Subordinate commanders may impose additional restrictions consistent with this General Order if necessary for good order and discipline but do not have the authority to unilaterally grant exceptions or exemptions to its provisions without my authority unless such authority is provided herein. Any additional restrictions imposed by a commander will be forwarded to the MCoE and Fort Benning Office of the Staff Judge Advocate for review.

12. **ENFORCEMENT:** Military personnel who violate this general order may be subject to administrative or disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Federal employees who violate this general order may be subject to disciplinary action or administrative action, including limited exclusion from the installation. All other persons who violate this general order may be subject to administrative action, including possible exclusion from the installation.

13. **EFFECTIVE DATE: 25 January 2021.**



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