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**MEMORANDUM FOR All I Corps and JBLM Units and Activities**

**SUBJECT: COVAX GUIDANCE: Enhancing Readiness and Promoting Sound Living in the COVID-19 Operational Environment**

1. The COVID-19 virus has presented the JBLM community with many challenges over the last year. Recently, we have been given a powerful tool in our fight against the pandemic: approval and availability of multiple COVID-19 vaccinations. Soldiers and community members must make the best choice for themselves, and their family and loved ones, with regard to volunteering to receive the vaccine. However, our focus must remain fixed on increasing readiness and account for the different risks that vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals pose for infection and transmission of COVID-19. All measures taken in accordance with this guidance will comply with CDC and DoD guidelines.

2. I am therefore establishing the following policies:

a. Restriction of Movement (ROM). Restrictions of Movement will be used in the following circumstances to ensure all Soldiers participate in unit mission requirements.

(1) ROM Prior to Field Training or Deployment. Field training and deployments require Soldiers to live and work in close proximity to each other. To ensure the safe participation of all unit personnel in field training exercises and deployments, all unvaccinated Soldiers will both get a COVID-19 test and ROM at a central facility established on the installation IAW ROM timelines in the Blue Hash. Domestic Travel ROM requirements will apply to field training exercises occurring in WA, OR, and ID.

(2) ROM Following TDY, Pass, and Leave. Unvaccinated Soldiers will continue to ROM IAW ROM timelines outlined in the Blue Hash. However, these Soldiers must come to work during their ROM. They will attend physical training and regular work duties, wear a mask, and strictly adhere to six-foot social distancing and other DoD and CDC related requirements. Commanders will ensure that Soldiers are able to do so by making appropriate workspace arrangements. When not at work, these Soldiers will limit movement to their home, grocery store, Warrior Restaurant, gas station, and medical facilities. Soldiers may also exercise outside by going on runs in the areas around their home. Vaccinated Soldiers are not required to ROM.

b. Days of No Scheduled Activities (DONSA). As unit vaccination rates climb, the ROM requirements above will become less of a burden on training calendars, and units

will see a corresponding increase of available time in their training calendar to improve readiness. In recognition of this correlation between vaccination rate and OPTEMPO:

(1) Company or equivalent sized formation that reach a 60% vaccination rate will schedule a three day DONSA within 30 days of reaching that percentage.

(2) Company or equivalent sized formation that reach an 80% vaccination rate will schedule a four day DONSA within 30 days of reaching that percentage.

(3) Company or equivalent sized formation are eligible to take both of these DONSA's as their COVAX rate increases.

(4) Percentages will be calculated against the unit assigned strength on the AAA-162 with the first O-6 level Commander in the chain of command serving as the validation authority for percentages and associated DONSA's.

(5) Absent other assigned duties or restrictions (e.g. CQ and FOD), all Soldiers (vaccinated and unvaccinated) will be allowed to participate in their unit's DONSA's.

c. Dedicated Access for Vaccinated Personnel to Installation Services, MWR, Warrior Restaurants, AAFES, and other Welfare and Recreation Facilities. CDC guidelines recognize that vaccinated individuals who gather in groups pose a lower risk of infection or transmission than when unvaccinated individuals are included. In order to ensure maximum capacity and use of these facilities:

(1) The Joint Base Garrison Commander (JBGC) will identify up to four hour periods each day during which Welfare / Recreation activities and installation services will be accessible only to vaccinated personnel. During these timeframes, activities will tailor their COVID-19 safety measures to fit CDC and DoD guidance for groups of vaccinated personnel.

(2) The JBGC will establish 24 hour gym access for vaccinated individuals.

(3) The JBGC will coordinate the same steps for AAFES facilities in accordance with AR 215-8, paras. 2-4j. and 2-11d.

(4) Commanders responsible for operating Warrior Restaurants will maximize dining-in capacity. Plans for maximizing dining-in capacity may consider a Soldier's COVAX status. Commanders must ensure non-COVAX Soldiers have access to Warrior Restaurant provided meals, either through the use of "to-go" meals or non-COVAX seating areas.

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d. IAW AR 600-8-10, Commanders may limit leave outside of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho for unvaccinated Soldiers based on mission/ROM requirements.

e. Once fully immunized, individuals are not required to wear a mask in outdoor settings and the following large square footage indoor settings: motor pool maintenance bays, hangars, and warehouses. Commanders and Directors may impose stricter requirements based on organizational needs.

3. The I Corps Blue Hash will be applied in conjunction with this guidance.



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