



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL USARCENT PERSONNEL

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Restrictions (Change #1)

1. References.

a. Secretary of Army Memorandum, subject: Delegation of Authority to Approve Travel of Army Personnel, dtd 23 April 2020.

b. Commanding General of USARCENT Memorandum, subject: COVID-19 Restrictions, dtd 19 March 2020 (rescinded).

c. Chief of Staff Memorandum, subject: Leaves and Passes mileage radius restricted to 75-miles, dtd 27 March 2020 (rescinded).

2. Due to the continued threat of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), and in order to maintain the health and welfare of service members (SMs) permanently or temporarily assigned or attached to U.S. Army Central in CONUS, the following orders are in effect until further notice.

a. All personnel will follow Center for Disease Control and Department of Health and Human Service guidelines, which include 6-foot social distancing protocols indoors and outdoors; frequent hand washing; avoiding contact with your eyes, nose and mouth; covering coughs and sneezes; and cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces daily. Wear of personal protective equipment (masks and gloves) remains authorized and encouraged.

b. All personnel will strictly adhere to a 14-day self-quarantine if they have traveled from/through the USCENTCOM area of responsibility, or outside the continental United States; been in contact with anyone with COVID-19; believe they may have been in contact with someone who was exposed to the virus; or exhibited any symptoms of the virus.

c. All personnel are prohibited from dine-in patronage at restaurants and bars unless the restaurants and/or bars are following the guidelines for outdoor dining prescribed by South Carolina Governor McMaster's Executive Order No. 2020-31 in enclosure 1, Section 2. Restaurants and bars operating outdoor dining services will have to follow strict guidelines from the CDC, DHEC, or any other state or federal public health officials. Personnel are still highly encouraged to use drive-thru or pick-up services, and will wear personal protective equipment when entering stores or public facilities (on and off the installation).

d. All personnel will continue 6-foot social distancing protocols, and will follow CDC guidelines regarding gatherings and group size (i.e. no more than 10 people). Individuals will strive to limit population density while indoors; parties inside dormitories/barracks and inside base housing units are prohibited. Units may conduct reasonably sized, outdoor gatherings for change of command ceremonies, going-away events, and other similar occasions. Indoor events must be approved by the Chief of Staff after coordination with the Public Health Emergency Officer.

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e. The command will continue to operate, but we will utilize tele-conferences, video-conferences and DCS as much as possible.

3. These orders are punitive, and violations may subject you to adverse disciplinary action under governing regulations or the Uniform Code of Military Justice. I expect commanders will ensure SMs permanently or temporarily assigned or attached to U.S. Army Central OCONUS comply with my intent, subject only to the individual commander's operational environment and mission.

4. Due to the change in conditions in responding to COVID-19, SMs are now authorized travel within a 125-mile travel radius of Shaw AFB; within the entire State of South Carolina and to Savannah, GA for leaves and passes. Approval of local leave and passes remain at current appropriate command levels. The Chief of Staff is the approval authority for travel outside of these areas for emergency leave. The Commanding General is the approval authority for ordinary leave outside of these areas for humanitarian reasons or extreme hardship.

a. Directorates will process a SM's request for an exception to policy through their respective Company/HHBn, and the Secretary of the General Staff's office for proper approval.

b. Service members who reside outside of South Carolina or the 125-mile radius require an approved, written exception to policy to continue to daily travel to and from Shaw AFB. With an approved exception to policy, the SM must travel directly back and forth from their place of residence to Shaw AFB only, unless travel is required to conduct an essential service near their place of residence. All currently approved exceptions for travel to place of residence will remain in effect.

5. This document supersedes previous guidance.

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1. as
2. Mileage Radius Map
3. ETP for Chief of Staff Approval
4. ETP for Commanding General Approval



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