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MEMORANDUM FOR All Persons Accessing Installations Subject to the Senior Responsible Officer Authority of Commander, Seventh Army Training Command

SUBJECT: Wear of Masks and Screening to Mitigate the Spread of COVID-19

1. References.

a. Under Secretary of Defense Memorandum (Updated Guidance for Mask and Screening Testing for all Department of Defense Installations and Other Facilities), March 1, 2022.

b. Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Memorandum, "Force Health Protection Guidance (Supplement 23) Revision 3 -Department of Defense Guidance for Coronavirus Disease 2019 Vaccination Attestation, Screening Testing, and Vaccination Verification," dated December 20, 2021.

2. **Purpose.** To issue policy consistent with DOD and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines on wearing masks on DOD installations and facilities.

3. **Applicability.** This policy applies to all Soldiers, Families, Civilians, contractors, and any other persons who access DOD controlled installations within the SRO's area of responsibility. Off DOD-controlled installations, all covered persons must know and adhere to the guidance and directives issued by Host-Nation authorities.

4. **Standards.** The following standards apply at all times on DOD controlled Installations within the SRO's area of responsibility. The standards are based on the CDC's latest guidance issued on 25 February 2022 that recommends masking based on COVID-19 community levels and indicators (RED, AMBER, or GREEN).

a. **High Transmissibility Level (RED).** When the CDC COVID-19 Community Level is high in the local community where a DOD controlled installation or facility is located, **indoor mask-wearing is required** for all Service members, DoD civilian employees, onsite DoD contractor personnel (collectively, "DoD personnel"), and visitors, regardless of vaccination status. The screening testing program required by reference (b) shall be utilized in that installation or facility.

b. **Medium Transmissibility Level (AMBER).** When the CDC COVID-19 Community Level is medium in the local community where a DOD installation or facility is located, **indoor mask-wearing is not required** for DOD personnel or visitors. The

screening testing program required by reference (b) shall be utilized in that installation or facility.

c. **Low Transmissibility Level (GREEN).** When the CDC COVID-19 Community Level is low in the local community where a DOD installation or facility is located, **indoor mask-wearing is not required** for DoD personnel or visitors. The screening testing program contained in reference (b) is not required for that installation or facility.

d. Individuals may choose to wear a mask regardless of the COVID-19 Community Level.

5. **Determining Community Levels.** Commanders will issue guidance whether a given installation is in a high, medium, or low transmissibility community. Current COVID-19 Community Level will be determined by 7ATC, in coordination with Public Health personnel, for each installation within the SRO AO. Personnel should check with their respective garrisons for updates on high/medium/low status.

6. **Exceptions.** If COVID-19 Community Level is **RED**, the following exceptions apply:

a. **Children.** Consistent with host-nation law, children under six (6) years of age are exempt from wearing a mask

b. **Health.** Persons who can credibly substantiate that it is impossible or unreasonable for them to wear a face covering due to disability or health reason are exempt from wearing a face covering. Documentation from a medical provider indicating the disability or health reason that precludes wearing a mask must be provided on demand.

c. **Security, Food Consumption.** Masks may be briefly removed for identification or security purposes or for communicating with the hearing impaired or for similarly compelling reasons. Masks may be briefly removed in order to eat and drink, to smoke in designated smoking areas, or while instructing or briefing. In all cases, individuals must ensure they are physically distanced by at least six feet, consistent with CDC guidelines, and masks must be replaced as soon as the need for removal has passed.

d. **Physical Fitness.** While conducting physical fitness indoors at an MWR gym or other facility, masks may be removed while engaging in rigorous activities.

e. **Other Authorities.** All medical facility's mask policies will be controlled per the directives of MEDCOM. All DODEA schools and other DODEA indoor facilities will be controlled per the directives of DODEA. All CDC and CYS buildings and indoor facilities will be controlled per the directives of IMCOM-E. All Commissaries will be controlled per the directives of DECA. Certain concessionaires that operate on the installation pursuant to host-nation law (e.g., bakeries, the PX barber shop) may enforce Host Nation law.

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f. Commanders in the grade of O-5 or supervisors in the grade of O-6 and its civilian equivalent may grant other exceptions to these standards on a case-by-case basis based on a compelling need. Subordinate commanders may increase the requirement to wear masks after coordinating with the Commander, 7ATC, but may not grant additional exceptions except as authorized in this memorandum.

g. Individuals with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 will continue to wear a mask, regardless of COVID-19 community level.

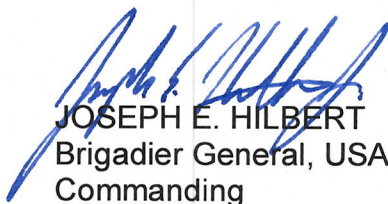
7. **Types of Masks Authorized.**

a. Masks recommended by the CDC include non-medical disposable masks, masks made with breathable fabric (such as cotton), masks made with tightly woven fabric, masks with two or three layers, and masks with inner filter pockets. Given the wide commercial availability of medical-quality and ventilator type masks (for example, FFP2 masks), their use is also authorized.

b. When in uniform, Soldiers will continue to only use face coverings authorized in accordance with uniform standards. Do not use materials from Army Combat Uniforms or other fabrics that have been chemically-treated.

8. **Mask Requirements Off of SRO Installations.** All covered persons are responsible for knowing and adhering to specific Host Nation guidance or directives when off DOD controlled installations. Guidance and directives are subject to change not only from one Host Nation to another, but within a Host Nation as well. Failure to abide by Host-Nation directives may subject covered personnel to criminal or civil liability in accordance with the Host-Nation's laws.

9. **Effective Date.** This policy rescinds and replaces the policy memorandum, Wear of Masks to Mitigate the Spread of COVID-19, 7 January 2022. This policy is effective upon publication and will remain in effect until rescinded.


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