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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL TRANSIENT & TEMPORARY DUTY PERSONNEL AT RAF MILDENHALL

FROM: 100 ARW/CC

SUBJECT: RAF Mildenhall COVID-19 Policy For Transient & TDY Personnel

Welcome to RAF Mildenhall. While here, our goal is to ensure the safety of you and your crew at all times. As we continue to navigate the (COVID-19) pandemic, your safety as well as the safety of our Airmen, families, and well-being of our local communities, is paramount. The 100 ARW/CC reserves the right to restrict movement for any member failing to adhere to host nation, DoD, DAF, or 100 ARW guidance.

Screening. All personnel projected to travel to RAF Mildenhall will be screened upon initial arrival to RAF Mildenhall IAW latest DoD/UK/FCIF/RAFM guidance. The discovery of any COVID-19 symptoms will be handled IAW 100 ARW isolation policies. Local sponsors will ensure personnel meet screening requirements prior to departure as required by current DoD/FCIF/RAFM guidance.

Restriction of Movement (ROM). All Transient and TDY personnel arriving at RAF Mildenhall will be subject to UK/RAFM entry and surveillance testing and quarantine requirements in effect at that time unless travelers qualify for a UK by-law exemption via <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-travellers-exempt-from-uk-border-rules/coronavirus-covid-19-travellers-exempt-from-uk-border-rules> or have an approved United States Visiting Forces Essential Defense Activities Exemption. The exemption is intended to be of limited use and only for those personnel that must perform essential defense activities within their first 10 days in the UK, but at minimum may include a ROM to base during their initial 10 days after arrival. All UK by-law and Essential Defense Activity exemption requests shall be tracked and coordinated through the sponsoring RAFM unit, to the 100 ARW/CC for approval/disapproval. Units sponsored by 352 SOW shall seek exemption approvals through the 352 SOW/CC. For some personnel this may result in the complete prohibition of movement and quarantine to their room during their initial 10 days after arrival. Sponsoring units may also impose additional travel restrictions based on ever changing HN requirements.

COVID-19 Entry Testing Requirements. From 19 July 2021, the host nation has implemented travel rules which eliminate quarantine requirements for vaccinated personnel upon arrival to England from amber list countries. This is only applicable to people that have been vaccinated via the United Kingdom NHS program AND have an NHS COVID vaccine passport, but we are actively working vaccine equivalency with the Host Nation. Recipients of a US vaccination program will continue to quarantine as directed by English law or by 100 ARW leadership and DoD guidelines. The current UK red, amber, and green lists may be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/red-amber-and-green-list-rules-for-entering-england>.

All travel will comply with requirements outlined in Attachment 1. Advise your chain of command and RAF Lakenheath Public Health of positive test results. Fully vaccinated individuals may be released from travel quarantine immediately after receiving a negative test result after the 5th full day in England IAW the UK test to release scheme. Unit commanders may impose additional travel requirements and may also seek exemptions in certain instances for essential defense activities, but only as authorized by UK guidance, the 100 ARW/CC or 352 SOW/CC, as applicable. Additionally, transient aircraft and aircrew not supporting operationally tasked requirements will require 100 OG/CC coordination and approval prior to arrival.

All transient personnel will continuously self-monitor for symptoms of fever, difficulty breathing, and cough. In the event of symptoms, and if not already in quarantine, the member will immediately quarantine in their room IAW latest DoD/RAFM guidance, contact the 48 MDG appointment line at DSN 314-226-8010 during normal duty hours or the Emergency Room after hours/weekends/holidays via DSN 226-4226 (01638 52 4226) as well as notify their local sponsor. The member may be moved to a different room or facility during their isolation period and will continue to isolate until they have been released by a medical provider. Should the member test positive for COVID-19, they may be moved to a different room or facility during their self-isolation period. Personnel who

have been in contact with a COVID-19 infected person will contact 48 MDG Public Health. DSN 314-226-8777 during normal duty hours or the 100 ARW Command Post after hours. The designated supervisor, stage manager, troop commander, mission commander, or aircraft commander are responsible for daily care and feeding of quarantined and self-isolated members. Support shall include, but not be limited to, prepared food, groceries, personal care products, mail and laundry services.

COVID-19 Post Travel Testing Requirements. All arrivals into the UK require a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test IAW Attachment 1 when in quarantine or the Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test on days 2, 5 & 8 if exempted from quarantine. Sponsoring units and health monitors will coordinate with 100 LRS for ordering and delivery of LFD test kits for members with an approved Essential Defense Activities exemption. The 48 MDG does not procure or administer LFD tests. If an LFD test indicates a positive result, isolate immediately and household members must quarantine IAW this document. Notify flight leadership and RAFL Public Health of this presumptive positive result within 1 hour as described in the COVID-19 Positive Test section. Individuals must also report LFD test results and kit serial number within 24 hours to the UK via <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>. Unit commanders are accountable for LFD test administration, accountability, and reporting.

Positive LFD results must be confirmed via Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) via the UK at <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. Notify flight leadership and RAFL Public Health of the PCR test result. If the PCR test result is negative discontinue isolation and household members/close contacts without COVID symptoms can discontinue quarantine. If the PCR test is positive, isolation and quarantine continue as described in this document. Notify flight leadership and RAFL Public Health of either PCR test result.

Restricted Travel. All transient aircrew and personnel must adhere to ever-changing UK, DoD, AMC and FCIF policy of COVID-19 travel restrictions off the installation.

Lodging. In order to maintain availability for high-priority missions and for incoming permanent party at RAFM, transient and TDY aircrew/personnel may be directed to either on-base contingency lodging or off-base hotels. When on-base, members may be double-billed based on capacity and may need to bring linens, towels, and other personal items should contingency billeting arrangements be required.

Food. All personnel not in quarantine or isolation status are authorized to use the Commissary, BX and other food service facilities.

Transportation. 100 LRS will transport aircrew and MEP from the aircraft to command post, lodging, base operations and the base armory as applicable. Passengers will be transported to the passenger terminals by the 727 AMS and will then proceed to lodging by foot. Local sponsors are responsible for assisting with transportation requirements beyond these services.

Masks and Social Distancing. *Face masks are not a substitute for social distancing. Although the Host Nation will be relaxing requirements dramatically in terms of mask requirements, the DoD also has rules on masks, which drives the following guidance.*

Individuals who are fully vaccinated on RAF Mildenhall are not mandated to wear face coverings except when on public transportation, in base lodging reception, entering healthcare facilities and in patient care areas, waiting areas and hallways.

Individuals who are not fully vaccinated on RAF Mildenhall will wear face masks continuously and maintain six feet of physical distancing. Exceptions to this requirement are listed below.

- In your home,
- In a private office with a closed door,
- When outdoors and proper physical distancing can be maintained,
- When actively participating in physical fitness activities either indoors or outdoors and either proper physical distancing is maintained or additional measures are implemented to mitigate the threat of transmission,
- When necessary to reasonably accommodate a religious belief,
- When an individual is alone in a vehicle or sharing the vehicle only with members of their household,
- When use substantively interferes with the proper wear and use of personal protective equipment

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- necessary for the accomplishment of one's military duties,
- When personnel are in primary aircrew positions during critical phases of flight or emergencies; or when using flight crew oxygen equipment,
 - For brief periods of time when eating and drinking while maintaining 6 feet distance,
 - When clear or unrestricted visualization of verbal communication are essential to safe and effective operations, or
 - When mask is required to be lowered briefly for identification or security purposes.

Masks must fit snugly around the nose and chin with no large gaps around the sides of the face and may be non-medical disposable masks or made with breathable or tightly woven fabric. Novelty or non-protective masks, and masks with face ventilation valves are not authorized. For Military Health System beneficiaries, if you feel that you have a condition that prevents you from complying with mask wear requirements, contact your primary care provider via the appointment line. Cases will be reviewed by your healthcare provider and the MDG Chief of Medical Staff. If you are unable to wear or cannot tolerate a mask due to such a condition, consider adaptations and alternatives, such as a face shield. Case-by-case exemption authority is delegated to installation commanders.

While off-base, follow **local government and business requirements** unless conducting official business and this directive is more restrictive.

Please direct questions to the 100 ARW Front Office at DSN 314-238-0100 during normal duty hours or the 100 ARW Command Post after hours at DSN 314-238-0100 or email at 100arw.cce@us.af.mil.



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Attachments:

- 1) Travel Requirement Table