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**GENERAL ORDER NUMBER 1 (GO-1)**

**TITLE:** COVID-19 Public Health Measures for Personnel within the Senior Responsible Officer (SRO) Authority of the Commander, 21st Theater Sustainment Command.

**PURPOSE.** This General Order identifies conduct that is prejudicial to good order and discipline, health, and safety of all personnel within the 21st TSC SRO area of responsibility.

**AUTHORITY.** Article II, NATO Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA), 19 June 1951; 10 U.S.C. Chapter 47 (Uniform Code of Military Justice); HQDA General Order No. 2008-01, General Court-Martial Convening Authority, 11 March 2008; Army in Europe Regulation (AER) 10-5, Organizations and Functions, 5 December 2019; AER 27-9, Misconduct by Civilians, 22 November 2011; AER 27-10, Military Justice and Legal Services, 19 August 2014; 21st TSC Supplement to AR 27-10, 16 January 2019.

**APPLICABILITY.** This General Order applies to all individuals stationed, assigned, attached and/or present on military installations within the 21st TSC SRO area of responsibility, to include Soldiers, Department of the Army Civilians, Family Members, and other affiliated personnel.

**1. STATEMENT OF MILITARY PURPOSE AND NECESSITY.** In order to combat the spread of COVID-19, host nations are enacting aggressive public health prevention and mitigation measures. Article II of the NATO SOFA requires the United States to respect host nation laws and imposes a sovereign duty to take necessary measures to that end. This order fulfills that obligation and clarifies the applicability of host nation COVID-19 public health measures on military installations within the 21st TSC SRO.

**2. PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES.** Public health measures, to include restrictions on freedom of movement, enacted by host nation governments in response to COVID-19 will be obeyed on and off military installations. As local and national governments enact public health measures, annexes to this order containing location-specific guidance will be published.

**3. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES.** In addition to host nation public health measures, the following additional restrictions apply:

a. Limitations for all Service Members whether residing on or off military installations, and all other individuals when on military installations.

(1) Individuals must generally remain in their residences and its immediate vicinity when not at their place of duty. Service Members may travel between their residence and military installations. Travel to off-post facilities within 30 kilometers of the Service Member's place of residence is authorized only for supplies and essential errands such as grocery shopping, pick up of take-out food orders, medical and pharmacy services, banks, mail, laundry, and vehicle maintenance or fueling. All other travel is prohibited.

(2) Individuals may conduct outdoor physical fitness activities so long as the activity is conducted in low density locations within 30 kilometers of the Service Member's place of residence or duty. Such activity will be conducted alone or with members of the immediate household. Walking of pets is authorized under the same conditions.

(3) Individuals must remain in their residences from 2200 to 0500. This does not apply to official travel, duty, pet care, and medical emergencies. Service members will inform their chain of command of emergencies as soon as possible.

b. Limitations for Service Members residing in barracks:

(1) Service Members residing in barracks must generally remain in their room or shared barracks suite. Individuals living in barracks may leave their rooms or suites for the same reasons, and go to the same places, as individuals who live in on-post housing or off post.

(2) Individual barracks rooms or suites are restricted to the assigned occupants. Where shared common areas inside of barracks rooms exist, shared common areas inside of barracks rooms are restricted to the assigned occupants. No other person is allowed in any given barracks room, or in the shared common areas inside of barracks rooms, except the individuals assigned to that room and individuals conducting a task on behalf of the command such as an inspection or welfare check. Regardless of the task, social distancing procedures must still be maintained.

(3) Social distancing procedures will be strictly enforced in day rooms, shared kitchens, and other communal areas in barracks buildings accessible to everyone.

(4) Utilization of shared laundry rooms is permitted, but social distancing procedures must be maintained. Service Members will sanitize machines after each use.

(5) Exceptions for individuals residing in the barracks require written approval by O-6 commanders, supervisors, or garrison commanders.

c. Parties or other social gatherings are strictly prohibited. Service Members are prohibited from engaging in "barracks parties" or "block parties."

d. Off-Limits Locations. Until this measure is rescinded, Service Members will not visit off-post bars, night clubs, dance clubs, movie theaters, pools, spas, massage parlors, hookah lounges, gyms or other physical fitness facilities, or the indoor seating area of restaurants. This measure will remain in place, regardless of changes in Host Nation protective measures.

e. Individuals will comply with all host nation social distancing rules. Intentionally coming close to or making any physical contact with non-Family Members known by the individual to be infected with COVID-19, absent an official purpose, is prohibited.

f. Official travel directed by the chain of command is not affected by this order. Emergency situations involving possible loss of life, limb, or eyesight do not require prior approval. Service members will inform their chain of command of emergencies as soon as possible.

**4. PUNITIVE ORDER.** This order is punitive. Location-specific annexes to this order are also punitive. Persons subject to the UCMJ may be punished according to its provisions or face adverse administrative action. Persons not subject to the UCMJ may face administrative sanctions imposed under AER 27-9, to include revocation of logistical support privileges, termination of access to Government housing facilities, bars to the installation, or involuntary early return of dependents. Host nation civil and criminal penalties may also be imposed.

**5. INDIVIDUAL DUTY.** Individuals subject to this General Order have the individual duty to know and understand these prohibitions. Individuals have a further duty to become familiar with and respect the laws and regulations of the local host nation regarding COVID-19 prevention.

**6. UNIT COMMANDER RESPONSIBILITY.** Commanders will ensure their personnel are briefed on the prohibitions and requirements of this order. Commanders will further ensure dissemination of host nation restrictions as they are published.

**7. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This General Order is effective immediately. It will remain in effect until rescinded by me or superseded by a new General Order.

  
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