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NARR/REF A IS U.S. NAVY REGULATIONS (1990). REF B IS SENIOR OFFICER PRESENT FOR COMUSNAVCENT AREA OF OPERATIONS. REF C IS COMUSNAVCENT FORCE PROTECTION MEASURES IN JOINT SECURITY AREA BAHRAIN. REF D IS OUSD FORCE HEALTH PROTECTION GUIDANCE (SUPPLEMENT 16). REF E IS OUSD FORCE HEALTH PROTECTION GUIDANCE (SUPPLEMENT 20). REF F USCENTCOM EXORD CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) ENVIRONMENT OPERATIONS MOD 2. REF G IS NAVADMIN 037/21, NAVY STANDARDIZED OPERATIONAL GUIDANCE VERSION 4.0. REF H IS C5F OPTASK COVID-19. REF I IS COMFIFTHFLT NIGHT ORDER OF 9 NOV 20. REF J IS SECDEF MEMO ON THE USE OF MASKS AND OTHER HEALTH MEASURES. REF K IS SECNAV MEMO ON THE USE OF MASKS AND OTHER HEALTH MEASURES. REF L IS SECNAV MEMO ON THE USE OF MASKS AND OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES. REF M IS NAVADMIN 059/21, USE OF MASKS AND OTHER HEALTH MEASURES DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC. REF N IS NAVADMIN 026/21, DOD COVID-19 TESTING PRIOR TO OVERSEAS TRAVEL. REF O IS COMUSNAVCENT GENADMIN, U.S. NAVAL FORCES CENTRAL COMMAND COVID-19 TESTING REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO OVERSEAS TRAVEL. REF P IS COMSUNAVCENT NOTICE 6210, GUIDANCE REGARDING THE USE OF CLOTH FACE COVERINGS FOR ASYMPTOMATIC NONMEDICAL PERSONNEL. REF Q IS COMPACFLT GENADMIN OF CONSOLIDATED CPF COVID-19 GUIDANCE 3.2. REF R IS COMUSNAVCENT UPDATED FORCE HEALTH PROTECTION POLICIES.

RMKS/1. [UPDATED] SUMMARY. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCES (A) THROUGH (Q), THIS MESSAGE UPDATES FORCE HEALTH PROTECTION POLICIES FOR U.S. NAVAL FORCES CENTRAL COMMAND ISSUED IN REFERENCE (R). REFERENCE (R) IS CANCELLED. SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES ARE MARKED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PARAGRAPH WITH [NEW] OR [UPDATED]. NOTABLE CHANGES IN THIS UPDATE ARE: (1) REFERENCE (E) HAS BEEN UPDATED TO REFLECT THE CURRENT OUSD FORCE HEALTH PROTECTION GUIDANCE (SUPPLEMENT 20); (2) PARAGRAPHS 7.A.2.A. THROUGH 7.A.2.C. HAVE BEEN UPDATED TO CLARIFY QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS FOR IMMUNIZED AND NON-IMMUNIZED PERSONNEL; (3) PARAGRAPH 7.A.2.A. HAS BEEN UPDATED TO REMOVE THE 3-MONTH REQUIREMENT/LIMITATION THAT EXEMPTS IMMUNIZED PERSONNEL FROM QUARANTINE AFTER A CLOSE CONTACT; (4) PARAGRAPH 8.A.3. HAS BEEN UPDATED TO REFLECT THAT, PER REFERENCE (E), UNLESS REQUIRED BY THE HOST NATION, NO ROM IS REQUIRED FOR IMMUNIZED PERSONNEL WHO ARE NOT ASSIGNED TO OR EMBARKING A SHIP OR AFLOAT UNIT PERMANENTLY STATIONED IN BAHRAIN, A DEPLOYED SHIP OR SUBMARINE, OR A DEPLOYED ORGANIC SQUADRON OR UNIT; (5) PARAGRAPH 8.D. HAS BEEN UPDATED TO REMOVE ETPS

FOR IMMUNIZED PERSONNEL (HOST NATION ROM IS NOT SUBJECT TO AN ETP); AND (6) PARAGRAPH 9 HAS BEEN UPDATED TO CLARIFY THAT MITIGATION PLANS TO EMBARK AN ESTABLISHED BUBBLE ARE ONLY REQUIRED FOR NON-IMMUNIZED PERSONNEL.

2. [UPDATED] SITUATION. COVID-19 HAS TRAGICALLY KILLED MORE THAN 570,000 AMERICANS DOMESTICALLY AND 2.99 MILLION PEOPLE GLOBALLY, AND THESE NUMBERS INCREASE EVERY DAY. THESE NUMBERS REPRESENT MOTHERS, FATHERS, BROTHERS AND SISTERS, CHILDREN, FRIENDS, AND OUR SHIPMATES. IT IS UP TO ALL OF US TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THIS VIRUS WE ARE ACCOUNTABLE TO EACH OTHER TO LITERALLY BREAK THE KILL CHAIN.

3. APPLICABILITY.

3.A. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCES (A) THROUGH (C), THIS GENADMIN APPLIES TO ALL DOD SERVICE MEMBERS, DOD CIVILIANS, DEPENDENTS, AND DOD-SPONSORED CONTRACTORS ASSIGNED TO, DEPLOYED WITHIN, OR TRAVELING TO OR FROM THE U.S. NAVAL FORCES CENTRAL COMMAND (NAVCENT) / U.S. FIFTH FLEET (C5F) AREA OF OPERATIONS (AO).

3.B. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE POLICIES CONTAINED HEREIN MAY RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY AND/OR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS AGAINST DOD SERVICE MEMBERS AND CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES, DENIAL OF ACCESS TO INSTALLATIONS AND SERVICES, AND WITHDRAWAL OF COMMAND SPONSORSHIP FOR DEPENDENTS.

3.C. BASED ON THE UNIQUE STATUS OF OUR AO (E.G., THE DYNAMIC NATURE OF FORWARD-DEPLOYED NAVAL FORCES, EVOLVING NUMBER AND TYPE OF FORCES IN THEATER, CURRENT FORCE POSTURE AT ANY GIVEN TIME, AND EMERGENT OR EXIGENT OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS OR CONTINGENCIES), THE POLICIES HEREIN CANNOT ADDRESS EVERY POSSIBLE SITUATION OR SCENARIO.

COMMANDERS MUST, THEREFORE, EXERCISE SOUND AND PRUDENT JUDGMENT AND DISCRETION AS INFORMED BY THESE POLICIES AND COMMUNICATE EARLY AND CLEARLY WITH NAVCENT/C5F LEADERSHIP AS REQUIRED.

4. PURPOSE. OUR MOST SACRED AND PARAMOUNT OBLIGATION IS TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR PEOPLE. THE UPDATED FORCE HEALTH PROTECTION POLICIES HEREIN ARE DESIGNED TO COMBAT THE SPECIFIC RISK TO OUR FORCES AND OUR MISSION PRESENTED BY THE CHALLENGES OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. THESE POLICIES ARE PROMULGATED IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF THE FORCE, MAINTAIN THE OPERATIONAL READINESS OF THE FLEET, AND SAFEGUARD OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR COALITION AND HOST NATION PARTNERS IN THE AO. CONSISTENT WITH REFERENCES (D) THROUGH (O), THESE POLICIES ARE INFORMED BY CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL RECOMMENDATIONS, MEDICAL FACTS AND DATA RELATED TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, AND ARE RECOMMENDED BY THE FORCE/FLEET SURGEON AND THE NAVCENT PREVENTIVE MEDICINE TEAM OF PROFESSIONALS. BECAUSE OUR UNDERSTANDING OF COVID, ITS TREATMENT AND ITS PREVENTION CONTINUE TO EVOLVE AS THE VIRUS ITSELF MUTATES, THESE POLICIES ARE SUBJECT TO CONTINUOUS REVIEW AND CONDITIONS CHECKS BASED ON UPDATED INFORMATION IMPACTING THE HEALTH OF OUR PEOPLE AND THE READINESS OF OUR FORCES - INCLUDING CURRENT GUIDANCE FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL, THE LOCAL RATE OF COVID-19 TRANSMISSION, THE PERCENTAGE OF PERSONNEL WHO ARE IMMUNIZED, AND GOVERNING HOST NATION POLICIES AND REGULATIONS.

5. COMMANDERS.

5.A. I EXPECT COMMANDERS AT ALL LEVELS TO PROACTIVELY TAKE OWNERSHIP OF THESE POLICIES AND THE EXECUTION OF ALL COVID 19 RELATED HEALTH PROTECTION MEASURES. COMMANDERS WILL CONDUCT AN ENGAGED REVIEW OF THE GUIDANCE CONTAINED HEREIN WITH YOUR PERSONNEL, INCLUDING A PARTICULAR FOCUS ON IMPLEMENTATION AND COMPLIANCE. AS STATED IN REFERENCE (G), THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR COMMAND ENGAGEMENT AND DECKPLATE LEADERSHIP TO SUCCESSFULLY PREVENT AND MITIGATE COVID-19 WITHIN YOUR UNIT. COMMANDERS MUST SET THE TONE AND CLEARLY CONVEY

THE IMPORTANCE OF INDIVIDUAL PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO COMPLY WITH THE LETTER AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE SPIRIT OF ALL HEALTH PROTECTION POLICIES, BOTH ON AND OFF DUTY, AND HOLD THEMSELVES AND THEIR SHIPMATES ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE HEALTH AND MISSION READINESS OF THE FORCE.

5.B. COMMANDERS ARE AUTHORIZED TO ENACT MORE RESTRICTIVE POLICIES WHEN A COMMANDER DETERMINES SUCH ACTIONS ARE NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OR READINESS OF THE FORCE.

5.C. IN EXECUTING FORCE HEALTH PROTECTION MEASURES, COMMANDERS AND THEIR SUBORDINATES WILL NOT UNLAWFULLY COMPEL OR COERCE ANY INDIVIDUAL TO RECEIVE A COVID 19 VACCINE.

5.D. COMMANDERS MAY ENACT POLICIES THAT DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN IMMUNIZED AND NONIMMUNIZED PERSONNEL WHEN SUCH POLICIES ARE INFORMED BY THE ADVICE OF MEDICAL EXPERTS, SUPPORTED BY SPECIFIC MEDICAL DATA AND FACTS, AND DESIGNED TO MAINTAIN THE HEALTH OR READINESS OF THE FLEET WITH MAXIMUM MISSION EFFICIENCY. IN ORDER TO COUNTER PERCEPTIONS THAT SUCH POLICIES MAY BE UNLAWFULLY COMPELLING IMMUNIZATION, COMMANDERS MUST CLEARLY CHARACTERIZE IMMUNIZATION AS AN ADDITIONAL MITIGATION THAT FACTORS INTO A HOLISTIC RISK CALCULATION, AND THEREBY COMPLEMENTS OTHER COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS. COMMANDERS WILL ARTICULATE THE RATIONALE FOR ANY SUCH POLICY THAT INCORPORATES IMMUNIZATION TO THEIR PERSONNEL, AND ENSURE SUCH POLICIES ARE NARROWLY TAILORED TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OR READINESS OF THE FORCE.

6. BASIC FORCE HEALTH PROTECTION MEASURES.

6.A. IN ADDITION TO THE POLICIES HEREIN, ALL PERSONNEL MUST CONTINUE TO COMPLY WITH AND ENFORCE BASIC FORCE HEALTH PROTECTION MEASURES AS REQUIRED IN REFERENCES (D) THROUGH (O) - INCLUDING THE PROPER WEARING OF FACE MASKS, PHYSICAL DISTANCING, AVOIDING TOUCHING YOUR FACE WITH UNWASHED HANDS, AND ROUTINELY WASHING YOUR HANDS WITH SOAP AND WATER FOR AT LEAST 20 SECONDS.

6.B. FACE MASKS. REFERENCE (P) IS HEREBY CANCELLED. FACE MASKS WILL BE WORN IN COMPLIANCE WITH REFERENCES (J) THROUGH (M), INCLUDING LOCAL INSTALLATION RULES ISSUED PURSUANT TO DELEGATED AUTHORITY PER REFERENCES (L) AND (M).

6.C. FOR FULLY IMMUNIZED SHIP CREWS, COMMANDERS MAY RELAX MEASURES IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 3.C.1 OF REFERENCE (G).

7. KEY DEFINITIONS.

7.A. RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT (ROM). GENERAL DOD TERM FOR LIMITING PERSONAL INTERACTION TO REDUCE RISK TO THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF A BROADER COHORT. ROM IS USED TO MINIMIZE RISK OF INDIVIDUALS ENCOUNTERING COVID-19 CONTAGIOUS INDIVIDUALS, AND TO PREVENT PERSONNEL WHO HAVE BEEN IN A HIGHER RISK AREA FROM POTENTIALLY INFECTING OTHERS. ROM INCLUDES: (1) ISOLATION; (2) QUARANTINE; AND (3) ROM-SEQUESTER. UNIFORMED PERSONNEL EXECUTING ROM ARE CONSIDERED TO BE IN A DUTY STATUS AND ROM PERIODS WILL NOT BE COUNTED AS ANNUAL LEAVE. CIVILIAN PERSONNEL EXECUTING ROM OR DENIED BASE ACCESS WHEN RETURNING FROM INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL SHOULD FOLLOW ESTABLISHED COMMAND GUIDANCE.

7.A.1. ISOLATION. MEDICAL TERM FOR THE STRICT SEPARATION OF PERSONNEL FROM OTHERS WHO ARE LIKELY CONTAGIOUS FOR COVID-19 DEMONSTRATED BY DEVELOPMENT OF POTENTIAL OR PROVEN COVID-19 SYMPTOMS OR A NEW ASYMPTOMATIC POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST WITHOUT PRIOR HISTORY OF RECOVERY FROM COVID-19 WITH SYMPTOM ONSET OR POSITIVE COVID-19 WITHIN THE LAST 90 DAYS.

7.A.2. QUARANTINE. MEDICAL TERM FOR SEPARATING ASYMPTOMATIC PERSONNEL REASONABLY BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO A COMMUNICABLE

DISEASE IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE POSSIBLE SPREAD OF THE DISEASE. PERSONNEL WITH NO COVID-19 SYMPTOMS WHO HAVE RECENTLY RETURNED FROM A HIGHER RISK LOCATION OR HAD CLOSE CONTACT WITH A KNOWN COVID-19 POSITIVE PATIENT SHOULD BE QUARANTINED.

7.A.2.A. [UPDATED] QUARANTINE (ALL IMMUNIZED PERSONNEL). IAW CDC GUIDANCE AND REFERENCE G, ALL IMMUNIZED PERSONNEL WHO ARE A CLOSE CONTACT DO NOT HAVE TO QUARANTINE IF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS ARE MET: (1) RECEIVED THEIR LAST DOSE AT LEAST TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE CLOSE CONTACT; AND, (2) HAVE REMAINED ASYMPTOMATIC. CLOSE CONTACTS MUST STILL FOLLOW STRICT HEALTH PROTECTION MEASURES AND MONITOR AND REPORT SYMPTOMS THROUGH ESTABLISHED PROTOCOLS. THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES TO ALL IMMUNIZED PERSONNEL, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY ARE ASSIGNED TO A SHORE-BASED OR OPERATIONAL UNIT.

7.A.2.B. [UPDATED] QUARANTINE (NON-IMMUNIZED PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO OPERATIONAL UNITS). THE QUARANTINE PERIOD FOR NON-IMMUNIZED PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO OPERATIONAL UNITS IS 14 DAYS FROM LAST KNOWN EXPOSURE OR SUSPECTED EXPOSURE TO COVID-19. FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS PARAGRAPH, TASK FORCE COMMANDERS ARE AUTHORIZED TO DETERMINE WHICH SUBORDINATE UNITS ARE OPERATIONAL AT ANY GIVEN TIME (THIS AUTHORITY CANNOT BE DELEGATED).

7.A.2.C. [UPDATED] QUARANTINE (NON-IMMUNIZED PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO NON-OPERATIONAL UNITS AND STAFFS). FOR NON-IMMUNIZED, ASYMPTOMATIC PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO NON-OPERATIONAL UNITS AND STAFFS, COMMANDERS HAVE THREE OPTIONS FOR QUARANTINE BASED ON WORK ENVIRONMENT AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF CLOSE CONTACT:

7.A.2.C.1. QUARANTINE FOR 14 DAYS;

7.A.2.C.2. QUARANTINE FOR 10 DAYS WITH NEGATIVE VIRAL TEST WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE TENTH DAY OF QUARANTINE AND A COMMANDERS RISK ASSESSMENT; AND

7.A.2.C.3. QUARANTINE FOR 7 DAYS WITH A NEGATIVE VIRAL TEST WITHIN 48 HOURS OF THE SEVENTH DAY OF ROM.

7.A.2.C.4. FOLLOWING A 7 OR 10 DAY QUARANTINE, INDIVIDUALS MUST WATCH FOR SYMPTOMS UNTIL 14 DAYS AFTER EXPOSURE AND IMMEDIATELY SELF-ISOLATE IF THEY DEVELOP SYMPTOMS.

7.A.3. ROM-SEQUESTER. U.S. NAVY TERM FOR PREEMPTIVE SEPARATION OF FORCES TO REDUCE RISK OF INFECTION WHILE ATTEMPTING TO ESTABLISH A COVID-FREE BUBBLE. ROM-SEQUESTER CAN BE CONDUCTED ONBOARD SHIP, IN A CONTRACTED FACILITY, OR IN A PERSONAL RESIDENCE DEPENDING ON UNIT AND LOCATION-SPECIFIC FACTORS. DURING ROM-SEQUESTER, INTERACTION WITH INDIVIDUALS MUST BE MINIMIZED AND FORCE HEALTH PROTECTION MEASURES MUST BE STRICTLY FOLLOWED. INTERACTION WITH PERSONNEL IN ROM-SEQUESTER IS RESTRICTED TO NECESSITIES SUCH AS FOOD DELIVERY, HEALTH AND WELFARE CHECKS, AND SIMILAR ACTIVITIES TO ENSURE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE INDIVIDUAL.

7.A.3.A. OUTDOOR EXERCISE DURING ROM. ASYMPTOMATIC PERSONS IN ROM DUE TO RECENT TRAVEL HISTORY MAY EXERCISE OUTDOORS IF THE INDIVIDUAL MAINTAINS A MINIMUM OF 20 FEET OF SEPARATION FROM ALL PERSONS AND AVOIDS COMMON-USE OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT SUCH AS PULL-UP BARS. PERSONNEL SHOULD IMMEDIATELY REPORT ANY INADVERTENT CONTACT. SYMPTOMATIC PERSONS IN ROM, PERSONS UNDER ISOLATION AND POSITIVE COVID-19 INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NOT MET THE CRITERIA FOR RETURNING TO WORK PER REFERENCES (D) THROUGH (H) WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN OUTDOOR EXERCISE. THIS POLICY DOES NOT APPLY TO PERSONNEL PREPARING TO EMBARK A SHIP WITH BUBBLE SET.

7.A.4. CLOSE CONTACT. INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED AS BEING WITHIN APPROXIMATELY SIX FEET OF AN INDIVIDUAL KNOWN TO BE CONTAGIOUS FOR COVID-19 FOR A PROLONGED PERIOD OF TIME. CDC GUIDANCE DEFINES

PROLONGED PERIOD OF TIME AS A CUMULATIVE OF 15 MINUTES DURING A SINGLE 24 HOUR PERIOD. THE CONTAGIOUS PERIOD FOR COVID-19 IS DEFINED AS THE 48 HOURS PRIOR TO SYMPTOM ONSET, OR THE FIRST POSITIVE TEST IF ASYMPTOMATIC, UNTIL RECOVERY CRITERIA IS MET AND NO LONGER CONSIDERED TO BE CONTAGIOUS FOR COVID-19 PER NON-TEST BASED RECOVERY CRITERIA, INDEPENDENT OF COVID-19 TEST RESULTS. SEE PARAGRAPH 2.D OF REFERENCE G FOR SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF CLOSE CONTACTS.

7.A.5. VACCINATED. AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS RECEIVED THE FIRST SHOT IN A SERIES OF TWO SHOTS OF COVID-19 VACCINE.

7.A.6. IMMUNIZED. AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS COMPLETED THE VACCINE SERIES AND IS CONSIDERED IMMUNE (TO THE LEVEL OF THE EFFICACY OF THE VACCINE). AN INDIVIDUAL IS CONSIDERED IMMUNIZED TWO WEEKS AFTER RECEIVING THE SECOND DOSE OF A TWO-SERIES VACCINE, OR TWO WEEKS AFTER RECEIVING A SINGLE DOES OF A ONE-SHOT VACCINE.

8. TRAVEL ROM POLICY. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCES (D) THROUGH (G), THE FOLLOWING TRAVEL ROM POLICY IS ISSUED TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR FORCES, OUR PEOPLE, AND OUR COALITION AND HOST NATION PARTNERS. THESE POLICIES APPLY TO ALL PERSONNEL REGARDLESS OF TRAVEL STATUS (I.E., BOTH OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL TRAVEL). DOD CIVILIANS AND DEPENDENTS CONDUCTING UNOFFICIAL TRAVEL ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO COMPLY WITH 8.A.4.B BELOW WHEN APPLICABLE.

8.A. ENTERING THE NAVCENT/C5F AO.

8.A.1. HOST NATION ROM. SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH 8.E. BELOW, ALL PERSONNEL ENTERING THE NAVCENT/C5F AO MUST COMPLY WITH HOST NATION LAWS AND REGULATIONS REGARDING ROM.

8.A.2. DOD INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS. ALL PERSONNEL ENTERING THE NAVCENT/C5F AO MUST COMPLY WITH DOD AND LOCAL INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS AS A CONDITION OF INSTALLATION ACCESS.

8.A.3. [UPDATED] IMMUNIZED PERSONNEL.

8.A.3.A. [RENUMBERED] IN ADDITION TO COMPLYING WITH HOST NATION ROM AND INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS, IMMUNIZED INDIVIDUALS ASSIGNED TO OR EMBARKING A SHIP OR AFLOAT UNIT PERMANENTLY STATIONED IN BAHRAIN, A DEPLOYED SHIP OR SUBMARINE, OR A DEPLOYED ORGANIC SQUADRON OR UNIT WILL ROM FOR SEVEN (7) DAYS WITH A NEGATIVE VIRAL TEST WITHIN 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE END OF THE 7 DAY ROM.

8.A.3.B. [NEW] ALL OTHER IMMUNIZED INDIVIDUALS MUST COMPLY WITH HOST NATION ROM AND INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS. IAW REFERENCE (E), NO ADDITIONAL ROM IS REQUIRED.

8.A.4. NON-IMMUNIZED PERSONNEL. IN ADDITION TO COMPLYING WITH HOST NATION ROM AND INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS, NON-IMMUNIZED PERSONNEL WILL ROM AS FOLLOWS:

8.A.4.A. MINIMUM 14-DAY ROM FOR PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO OR EMBARKING A SHIP OR AFLOAT UNIT PERMANENTLY STATIONED IN BAHRAIN, A DEPLOYED SHIP OR SUBMARINE, OR A DEPLOYED ORGANIC SQUADRON OR UNIT. PERSONNEL WILL TEST OUT OF ROM NO EARLIER THAN DAY 14 WITH A NEGATIVE VIRAL TEST. COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS IN PARAGRAPH 9 FOR EMBARKING A UNIT IN A BUBBLE STATUS.

8.A.4.B. FOR ALL OTHER NON-IMMUNIZED PERSONNEL, A MINIMUM 10-DAY ROM IS REQUIRED. PERSONNEL WILL TEST OUT OF ROM NO EARLIER THAN DAY 10 WITH A NEGATIVE VIRAL TEST.

8.B. DEPARTING THE NAVCENT/C5F AO. ALL PERSONNEL TRAVELING OUTSIDE THE AO MUST COMPLY WITH APPLICABLE ROM, TESTING AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS IN REFERENCES (E) THROUGH (O), ALONG WITH ANY APPLICABLE COMBATANT COMMAND, NAVAL COMPONENT COMMAND, OR HOST NATION REQUIREMENTS AT THE DESTINATION LOCATION. IN ADDITION, PERSONNEL TRAVELING TO THE UNITED STATES MUST COMPLY WITH APPLICABLE

CDC, STATE, LOCAL, AND INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS.

8.C. TRAVELING WITHIN THE NAVCENT/C5F AO. PERSONNEL TRAVELING WITHIN THE NAVCENT/C5F AO WILL COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING:

8.C.1. HOST NATION ROM. SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH 8.E. BELOW, ALL PERSONNEL MUST COMPLY WITH THE DESTINATION HOST NATION LAWS AND REGULATIONS REGARDING ROM.

8.C.2. DOD AND LOCAL INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS. ALL PERSONNEL MUST COMPLY WITH DESTINATION DOD AND LOCAL INSTALLATION ROM REQUIREMENTS AS A CONDITION OF INSTALLATION ACCESS.

8.C.3. WHEN RETURNING FROM TRAVEL WITHIN THE NAVCENT/C5F AO, ALL PERSONNEL WILL COMPLY WITH PARAGRAPHS 8.A.1. THROUGH 8.A.4. AS APPROPRIATE (ALTHOUGH NON-IMMUNIZED DOD CIVILIANS AND DEPENDENTS RETURNING FROM UNOFFICIAL TRAVEL WITHIN THE AO ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO COMPLY WITH 8.A.4.B, WHEN APPLICABLE).

8.D. [UPDATED] EXCEPTIONS TO POLICY (ETP). AN ETP REGARDING ROM POLICY IN PARAGRAPH 8 THAT INVOLVES NON-IMMUNIZED PERSONNEL MUST BE APPROVED BY THE NAVCENT/C5F DEPUTY COMMANDER OR THE FIRST GO/FO IN THE CHAIN OF COMMAND WHO IS ASSIGNED (PERMANENTLY OR TEMPORARILY) TO THE NAVCENT/C5F AO. ETP APPROVALS WILL COMPLY WITH THE GUIDANCE IN REFERENCES (D), (E) AND (G) AND MUST BE BASED ON A RISK ASSESSMENT THAT IS INFORMED BY THE BEST AVAILABLE MEDICAL DATA AND GUIDANCE FROM THE CDC.

8.E. HOST NATION TRACKING APPLICATIONS AND SIMILAR DEVICES. DOD SERVICE MEMBERS, DOD CIVILIANS, AND DEPENDENTS ARE NOT REQUIRED OR AUTHORIZED TO COMPLY WITH HOST NATION REQUIREMENTS THAT INVOLVE TRACKING APPLICATIONS (E.G., THE BEAWARE APP AND TRACKING BRACELET IN BAHRAIN) OR SIMILAR ELECTRONIC DEVICES. IF DIRECTED BY HOST NATION AUTHORITIES TO COMPLY, PERSONNEL WILL PRESENT THEIR OFFICIAL PASSPORT ALONG WITH THEIR COMMON ACCESS CARD OR MILITARY IDENTIFICATION, AND ORDERS. IF HOST NATION AUTHORITIES CONTINUE TO REQUIRE COMPLIANCE, PERSONNEL WILL CONTACT THEIR CHAIN OF COMMAND FOR ASSISTANCE. PERSONNEL WILL REMAIN RESPECTFUL TO HOST NATION AUTHORITIES AT ALL TIMES WHILE CALMLY AND CLEARLY COMMUNICATING THEIR AFFILIATION WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

8.F. COMPLIANCE WITH ROM REQUIREMENTS. WHEN CONDUCTING ROM, INDIVIDUALS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO COMPLY WITH NAVCENT ROM REQUIREMENTS AS INFORMED BY THE GUIDANCE IN REFERENCES (D) AND (E), INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO CONDITIONS AND LOCATION OF ROM, ISOLATION, AND APPLICABLE VIRAL TEST-OUT REQUIREMENTS. THESE REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO ALL PERSONNEL CONDUCTING ROM REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY ARE BEING TRACKED BY THE NAVCENT COVID WORKING GROUP. SUPERVISORS AND THE CHAIN OF COMMAND MUST BE ENGAGED AND PROACTIVELY MONITOR COMPLIANCE AND ENSURE 100 PERCENT ACCOUNTABILITY.

9. [UPDATED] EMBARKING AN AFLOAT UNIT IN A BUBBLE STATUS. PRIOR TO EMBARKING AN AFLOAT UNIT IN A BUBBLE STATUS, ALL PERSONNEL WILL CONDUCT ROM WITH A NEGATIVE VIRAL TEST-OUT AS REQUIRED IN PARAGRAPH 8.A. IAW REFERENCE (G), IMMUNIZED SHIP RIDERS (E.G., CONTRACTORS, TECH REPS, INSPECTION TEAMS, AND OTHER VISITING OR TEMPORARILY ASSIGNED PERSONNEL) WHO ARE ASYMPTOMATIC ARE NOT REQUIRED TO CONDUCT ROM PRIOR TO VISITING A 100% IMMUNIZED SHIP, BUT SHOULD HAVE A NEGATIVE VIRAL TEST WITHIN 72 HOURS OF EMBARKING A PARTIALLY IMMUNIZED SHIP, ISOLATE FROM ORGANIC SHIP PERSONNEL EXCEPT DURING PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL DUTIES, AND UTILIZE APPROPRIATE MITIGATION STRATEGIES UNTIL 14 DAYS AFTER ARRIVAL ON BOARD (IF APPLICABLE). FOR PERSONNEL REQUIRED TO CONDUCT A 14-DAY PRE-EMBARKATION ROM PER PARAGRAPH 8.A. (I.E., NON-IMMUNIZED PERSONNEL), MITIGATION PLANS TO EMBARK INTO AN ESTABLISHED BUBBLE WITHOUT THE REQUIRED 14-DAY ROM

DUE TO EMERGENT OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS REQUIRE APPROVAL FROM THE NAVCENT/C5F DEPUTY COMMANDER.

10. SAFE HAVEN PORTS. IAW PARAGRAPH 12.B. OF REFERENCE (G) AND CONSISTENT WITH PARAGRAPH 4.D. OF REFERENCE (Q), IMMUNIZED INDIVIDUALS ON UNDERWAY UNITS MAKING PORT CALLS IN OVERSEAS SAFE HAVEN PORTS WHERE THERE IS A U.S. PRESENCE AND BASE FACILITIES (E.G., BAHRAIN, GUAM, YOKOSUKA, ROTA, SASEBO) ARE AUTHORIZED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF BASE SERVICES. PRIOR TO EXECUTING A SAFE HAVEN PORT VISIT UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH, TASK FORCE COMMANDERS MUST CONDUCT A PORT-SPECIFIC RISK ASSESSMENT THAT IS INFORMED BY THE PREVALENCE OF COVID-19 AT THE SAFE HAVEN PORT AND UTILIZE A HEALTH PROTECTION STRATEGY FOR NON-IMMUNIZED PERSONNEL THAT IS BASED ON THE BEST AVAILABLE MEDICAL DATA ALONG WITH CURRENT CDC AND NAVY GUIDANCE. TASK FORCE COMMANDERS MUST NOTIFY THE NAVCENT BWC NO LESS THAN 72 HOURS PRIOR TO CONDUCTING A SAFE HAVEN PORT VISIT UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH.

11. IMMUNIZATION IS OUR WAY OUT OF THIS PANDEMIC.

11.A. COVID-19 VACCINES ARE SAFE AND EFFECTIVE. PRIOR TO EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION, THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL EVALUATED COVID-19 VACCINES IN CLINICAL TRIALS INVOLVING TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PARTICIPANTS AND DETERMINED THE VACCINES WERE SAFE AND EFFECTIVE. AS OF 12 APRIL 2021, MORE THAN 189 MILLION DOSES OF COVID-19 VACCINE HAVE BEEN SAFELY ADMINISTERED IN THE UNITED STATES. IN ADDITION, SEVERAL RECENT REAL-WORLD STUDIES HAVE SHOWN VACCINES ARE HIGHLY EFFECTIVE (I.E., >90 PERCENT) IN PREVENTING INFECTION. THE OVERWHELMING WEIGHT OF SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE IS CLEAR -- THE VACCINES ARE SAFE AND EFFECTIVE.

11.B. THE REWARDS OF IMMUNIZATION FAR OUTWEIGH THE MARGINAL RISKS. ON 2 APRIL 2021, THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL UPDATED THEIR TRAVEL GUIDANCE FOR IMMUNIZED INDIVIDUALS TO REFLECT THE LATEST EVIDENCE AND SCIENCE. SPECIFICALLY, THE UPDATED GUIDANCE STATES FULLY IMMUNIZED INDIVIDUALS MAY TRAVEL WITHIN THE UNITED STATES WITHOUT THE NEED FOR TESTING OR QUARANTINE. AS THE SCIENCE OF COVID IMMUNIZATION QUICKLY EVOLVES, THE REWARDS AND BENEFITS WILL CONTINUE TO EXPAND -- E.G., TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES, SOCIAL EVENTS, PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES, AND MUCH MORE. AS THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND NAVY ISSUE UPDATED GUIDANCE TO REFLECT THE BENEFITS OF IMMUNIZATION, NAVCENT WILL AGGRESSIVELY IMPLEMENT POLICIES THAT PROMOTE IMMUNIZATION AND ENHANCE THE HEALTH AND READINESS OF THE FORCE.

11.C. CULTURE OF IMMUNIZATION. NAVCENT WILL CONTINUE TO FOSTER A CULTURE OF IMMUNIZATION. TO THAT END, ALL PERSONNEL WILL CAREFULLY REVIEW THE FACTS ABOUT THE VACCINE, SPEAK TO A MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL, AND MAKE A VOLUNTARY, INTELLIGENT AND INFORMED DECISION REGARDING THE VACCINE. UPON RECEIVING FACTS AND MEDICAL DATA CONCERNING THE VACCINES, I STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO GET IMMUNIZED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. TAKE PERSONAL ACTION TO PROTECT YOURSELF, YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS, AND YOUR SHIPMATES - AND HELP NAVCENT CREATE A CULTURE OF IMMUNIZATION.

11.D. IMMUNIZATION IS OUR WAY OUT OF THIS PANDEMIC. PERIOD.

12. ONE TEAM, ONE FIGHT. COVID-19 REPRESENTS A SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGE TO OUR TEAM, AND WE WILL MEET THIS CHALLENGE WITH A FIRM, UNYIELDING RESOLVE TO TAKE THE ACTIONS NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF THE FORCE AND MAINTAIN OUR READINESS. I HAVE 100 PERCENT CONFIDENCE AND TRUST IN YOU.

13. VADM PAPARO SENDS.//

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