DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH AIR FORCE (AIR FORCES KOREA)



HÀY 2 4 2021 MEMORANDUM FOR INCOMING SEVENTH AIR FORCE PERSONNEL

FROM: 7 AF/CC

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Entry Requirements

1. Congratulations on your assignment to Korea! Whether you are headed to Osan, Kunsan or elsewhere on the peninsula, you will enjoy one of the safest environments for Airmen to work and live. We have been successful in maintaining a safe operating environment through strict screening and initial quarantine measures for arrivals. I expect 100% compliance with the arrival requirements that keep us all safe. Review the below carefully. Quarantine requirements will differ for those that are fully vaccinated.

2. <u>Entry PCR Test</u>. In order to be granted entry into the ROK, you must have proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR test within 72 hours of your departure flight to Korea. The ROK will deny you entry if you have the wrong test, and you will be returned to your country of origin at your own expense. Read the DoD Foreign Clearance Guide for more details on this requirement.

3. <u>Quarantine</u>. Upon entry, you will be placed into a 14-day quarantine. The quarantine procedures will differ depending on whether you have been fully vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine.

a. <u>Unvaccinated Arrivals</u>. Unvaccinated personnel will complete 14 days of strict quarantine in a USFK facility. Strict quarantine requires you to remain in your room for the entire 14-day period. Your meals will be dropped at your door and you will not be permitted to leave your room except for one hour per day when you will be allowed outside in a small designated area as space permits.

b. <u>Vaccinated Arrivals</u>. Vaccinated personnel will be authorized a 14-day working quarantine. The working quarantine will require you to stay on base, but will allow you freedom of movement on base and will allow you to use all of the on-base facilities (except ROK facilities) during the quarantine period. Vaccinated personnel who are quarantining with unvaccinated personnel, such as young children, will have the freedom of the working quarantine.

4. Even after completing quarantine, vaccinated Airmen will have privileges that unvaccinated personnel will not. For example, vaccinated personnel are not required to wear a mask on base in most places, and effective 28 May 2021, they will be allowed to go to bars and pubs off-base. More privileges will open in the near future for our vaccinated personnel.

5. I expect you to understand our arrival process. If you have any questions, please contact your sponsor. Being vaccinated prior to arrival will afford you greater freedom of movement.

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