



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
PACIFIC AIR FORCES

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MEMORANDUM FOR KADENA AIR BASE PERSONNEL

FROM: 18 WG/CC

SUBJECT: Updated Kadena Air Base Restriction of Movement Policy

**1. Effective immediately, CSD 21-061 and its Attachments (dated 5 March 2021) are rescinded.**

The purpose of this policy letter is to define the current Kadena Air Base (KAB) Restriction of Movement (ROM) policy with respect to the ongoing COVID-19 response effort. Any person who refuses to obey or otherwise violates this policy may be held accountable. Uniformed personnel and retired members of the uniformed services may be punished under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Those not subject to military law may be subject to administrative action including, but not limited to, an early return of dependents, termination of a civilian tour, and/or denial of access to/barment from the installation.

**2. Requirement to ROM.**

a. Travel solely within Okinawa Prefecture, and surrounding islands, does not require ROM.

b. Travel from a CDC level 2, 3, or 4 country or from the United States, to include Alaska, Hawaii, and U.S. territories, will incur a 14-day ROM with calculation beginning from when the individual arrived at Kadena, unless a full 14-day ROM was completed at another USFJ installation prior to arrival. Individuals that are arriving via commercial airlines or MILAIR may transition to grey tail or Patriot Express prior to completing the full 14-day period. However, upon arrival at Kadena, the ROM period will be restarted for either vaccinated or unvaccinated individuals.

c. For travel outside Okinawa Prefecture, but solely within Japan, *green* areas and *red* areas are identified on the Joint Service Intra-Japan Travel Map located on the [KAB COVID-19 Dashboard](#). Individuals traveling from green areas who adhere to 18 WG CSD policies while outside Okinawa Prefecture are not subject to ROM upon return. Individuals who travel to red areas will incur ROM upon return to Okinawa Prefecture. All travelers to mainland Japan may be subject to surveillance testing upon return. ETPs to the ROM requirement for travel solely within Japan may be approved by the first field grade officer Squadron Commander (or civilian equivalent), or the first O-6 in the travelers chain of command and will include a detailed review of risk mitigation measures, as informed by Public Health. ETPs will be limited to those required for operational impacts and humanitarian reasons, and will not be authorized solely for convenience, morale, or quality of life purposes.

**3. Categories of ROM.** There are three categories of ROM: Residential ROM (restricted to residence only), Working ROM (restricted to residence and workplace only), and Installation ROM (restricted to residence and installation only). Category and duration of time in each level of ROM depends upon vaccination status as described in paragraph 4 below.

a. **Working ROM.** Individuals in Working ROM will travel directly to their domicile upon arrival; will be limited to travel to/from work and their domicile via POV or GOV only; will use contactless food

delivery; and will remain separated in the work environment from others (to the maximum extent) and from the base population. **Contactless food delivery includes on-base only drive-thru and curbside pick-up that does not require entering the facility. Individuals in Working ROM on base may perform socially-distanced, individual outdoor fitness in the immediate vicinity of their residence, and separated from the general base population. Individuals in Working ROM off-base may also take wellness breaks of short duration (e.g., to exercise, care for pets, etc.) but must remain on the property of their residence or domicile (e.g., yard, balcony, driveway, etc.).**

**b. Residential ROM. Individuals in Residential ROM must remain in their residence and separated from the base population and avoid any close physical contact while performing activities outside of their place of residence/domicile building. Individuals in Residential ROM on-base will be permitted to exit their place of residence or domicile only to do activities of short duration such as laundry (if residing in a dorm or lodging with sanitization of any shared surfaces afterwards), and wellness/fitness breaks (e.g., to exercise, care for pets, etc.) but must remain in the immediate vicinity of their residence or domicile. Individuals in Residential ROM off-base may take wellness breaks of short duration (e.g., to exercise, care for pets, etc.) but must remain on the property of their residence or domicile (e.g., yard, balcony, driveway, etc.).**

**c. Installation ROM. Individuals in Installation ROM are restricted to their residence and assigned/home installation only; individuals may access all on-base facilities.**

**4. Vaccination Status.** For all DoD uniformed personnel, members of the civilian component, and other individuals with SOFA-status requiring ROM:

a. FULLY VACCINATED (i.e., full regimen of vaccine doses plus 14 days after last dose) personnel who are asymptomatic will be in Working ROM for 7 days. Fully vaccinated dependents are in Residential ROM for the first 7 days. Individuals may be released from Working ROM no earlier than day 8, **subject to completing COVID-19 testing requirements**. Once released, they will be in Installation ROM until the same hour as arrival on day 14.

b. NON-VACCINATED (i.e., fully vaccinated criteria not met) personnel who are asymptomatic will be in Residential ROM for 10 days and may be released no earlier than day 11, **subject to completing COVID-19 testing requirements**. Once released, individuals will be in Installation ROM until the same hour as arrival on day 14.

c. NON-SOFA-STATUS contractors, host-nation employees, and visitors arriving in Japan from another country will be denied access to all U.S. facilities and areas for 14 days from the day after their arrival in country.

d. POSITIVE SARS CoV-2 TEST. Individuals who are within 90 days of a positive SARS CoV-2 test and remain asymptomatic are exempt from Residential ROM/Working ROM and will immediately enter installation ROM for 14 days.

## **5. Testing Requirements.**

a. All active duty, DoD civilian, and SOFA dependents will require a negative COVID-19 test to be released from ROM. Units will ensure personnel in ROM are brought to 18 MDG (Bldg. 626) during testing times dependent on their vaccination status. Transport to and from testing will be the responsibility of the sponsor and/or unit POC. Personnel must adhere to strict mask wear and will comply with social distancing guidelines to the maximum extent possible.

**(1) Fully vaccinated asymptomatic individuals will be tested on or after day 5 of Working ROM.**

**(2) Non-vaccinated asymptomatic individuals will be tested on or after day 8 of Residential ROM.**

**b. Responsibility of current/gaining units is to contact their personnel in ROM status daily. Negative test results will be provided to unit leadership. Unit leadership may release members from ROM when the member has received a negative test result and all requirements of this ROM policy letter have been met. Personnel found to have a positive test result will be notified by a medical representative.**

#### **6. Monitoring for Symptoms.**

**a. If an individual in ROM develops any of the below symptoms, they will notify their unit and call the 18 MDG appointment line at 630-4817 and 81-98-960-4817. The U.S. Naval Hospital can be reached at 646-5230 and 090-6861-5230. In the case of an emergency, dial 81-98-971-7312 prior to reporting to the ER at USNHO.**

**Fever or Chills**

**Shortness of Breath or Difficulty Breathing**

**Loss of Taste or Smell**

**Muscle or Body Aches**

**Congestion or Runny nose**

**Cough**

**Fatigue**

**Nausea, Vomiting or Diarrhea**

**Headache**

**Sore throat**

**b. 18 MDG will assume responsibility for the daily contact of members with a positive COVID-19 test result. 18th MDG will coordinate any evaluation needed, contact the individual daily, and track these members. A medical representative will provide release clearance for all symptomatic or COVID-positive personnel to unit leadership as the release authority.**

7. Travelers who enter into ROM and have no household members will do so at their place of residence and locations authorized above. There are three ROM options for travelers requiring ROM who also have non-traveling family members at their residence (note: for travelers with non-traveling family members at their residence, there are no contact restrictions between the traveler and non-traveling family members if either the traveler or non-traveling family member is fully vaccinated or is within 90 days of a positive SARS CoV-2 test and remains asymptomatic):

a. Option 1: Residing together without ROM for non-traveling members. The traveler in Residential or Working ROM status and the non-traveling household members may stay in their residence together with non-traveling members practicing self-observation, rather than adhering to the same ROM, only if the following criteria are continuously met since the return of any travelers:

(1) Non-traveling household members must avoid close contact (6 feet or 2 meters) and separate themselves from any traveler. Situations having a high likelihood of direct contact and physical contact between travelers and non-traveling household members, including pets, must be avoided. Examples include direct physical contact, sharing food or drinking utensils, and close conversation (within 6 feet or 2 meters). Close contact does not include activities such as briefly walking by a person or sitting across a room.

(2) Travelers and non-traveling household members must utilize separate bathrooms and must not share personal items. Travelers will disinfect shared surfaces after use, particularly the kitchen.

(3) Should the traveling member test positive for COVID-19 during exit-ROM clearance, that member will enter isolation. All non-vaccinated household members will enter quarantine due to the inherent proximity to a known positive person. Fully vaccinated household members will not be required to quarantine if asymptomatic since exposure and within 3 months of last dose.

(4) Once the traveler enters Installation ROM, paragraphs 7.a.(1) and 7.a.(2) no longer apply.

b. Option 2: ROM member residing elsewhere (limited resource – subject to availability). The traveler that is subject to Residential or Working ROM may be approved to move into contingency housing for the ROM period. This ensures that the non-traveling household members may remain in their household without entering ROM status. Once the traveler enters Installation ROM, they may have contact with their household members.

c. Option 3: All in ROM status. Both travelers and non-traveling household members enter into the same ROM status if staying in the same residence/domicile.

8. Units will coordinate with individuals in Residential and Working ROM to ensure they have necessary support to include food, water, personal hygiene items, cleaning supplies, etc.

9. SOFA members residing off-installation who test positive for COVID-19 are currently required to transition to installation contingency housing for the duration of the isolation period.

10. If there are any questions, contact your unit's Unit Control Center (UCC) or the 18 WG's Current Operations Center at 634-2734/2741.

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