



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
PACIFIC AIR FORCES

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MEMORANDUM FOR KADENA AIR BASE PERSONNEL

FROM: 18 WG/CC

SUBJECT: Kadena Air Base Restriction of Movement (ROM) Policy Update

1. Effective immediately, CSD 21-067 takes effect, and Attachment 2 to CSD 21-066 (dated 23 April 2021) is rescinded.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. **For fully vaccinated individuals, the 14-day ROM begins upon arrival at a USFJ installation and ends 14 days after arrival, at the same hour as arrival. For unvaccinated individuals, the 14 days begins when the traveler arrives at KAB, beginning at the hour of arrival, unless a full 14-day ROM was completed at another USFJ installation prior to arrival at KAB. Individuals arriving in Japan via commercial airlines or MILAIR, who began ROM at another USFJ facility, may transition to grey tail or Patriot Express to complete forward travel to KAB, prior to completing a full 14-day period. However, for unvaccinated individuals, such forward travel will reset their 14-day ROM, which begins upon the hour of arrival at KAB. For fully vaccinated individuals, the ROM period is not reset, and they will complete the remainder of their 14-day ROM period at KAB.**

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 and thru red areas who adhere to 18 WG CSD policies while outside Okinawa Prefecture are not subject to ROM upon return. Non-vaccinated individuals who travel to red areas will incur a 10-day ROM upon return to Okinawa Prefecture; fully vaccinated individuals (i.e., full regimen of vaccine dose plus 14 days after last dose) will not incur ROM upon return to Okinawa Prefecture, whether they travel via Patriot Express or commercial air. 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 traveler's 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. 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 and separated from the general base population. 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.).

b. Installation ROM. **Individuals in Installation ROM are restricted to their domicile (if residing off-base) and any U.S. installation. Individuals may access all on-base facilities during the 14-day period. If residing off base, individuals will conduct non-stop direct travel between their domicile to any U.S. installation via POV/GOV during the 14-day period. The use of mass transit, cycling, or walking off-installation is not authorized.**

c. 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.). **Working ROM will be utilized by non-vaccinated Transient Aircrew and may be granted for all other non-vaccinated individuals through the ETP process.**

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). **All DoD uniformed personnel, members of the civilian component, and individuals with SOFA-status arriving in Japan from another country who are fully vaccinated, to include individuals on Temporary Duty, who are asymptomatic, shall travel directly to their domicile or U.S. installation and will, at a minimum, be restricted to their domicile and U.S. installation(s) for 14 days on Installation ROM. Subject to completing COVID-19 testing requirements, individuals may be released from Installation ROM after 14 days, at the same hour as arrival.**

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. **Fully-vaccinated individuals requiring access to KAB, should reference the current KAB Force Health Protection CSD for further information on base access limitations.**

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 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. **All personnel entering Japan will be tested on or after day 8 of ROM, regardless of vaccination status or ROM category.**

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 or +81-98-960-4817. The U.S. Naval Hospital may be reached at 646-5230 or +81-90-6861-5230. In case of an emergency, dial +81-98-971-7312 prior to reporting to the ER at USNHO.

Fever or Chills	Cough
Shortness of Breath or Difficulty Breathing	Fatigue
Loss of Taste or Smell	Nausea, Vomiting or Diarrhea
Muscle or Body Aches	Headache
Congestion or Runny nose	Sore throat

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

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 Installation 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) 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.

(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.

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

(5) When all travelers are fully vaccinated, the above separation guidelines within the household do not apply. Likewise, when non-vaccinated travelers return, vaccinated household members are not required to observe above separation guidelines, while unvaccinated household members are required.

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

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 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 required to transition to installation contingency housing for the duration of the isolation period.

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

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