

BULLET BACKGROUND PAPER

ON

EUCOM IMPLEMENTATION GUIDANCE FOR TRAVEL AND MEETINGS

PURPOSE

To summarize the EUCOM policy guidance and requirements for official travel for unvaccinated personnel and the conduct of meetings/events with over 50 attendees during the continuation of COVID force protection.

POLICY SUMMARY

- Meetings with more than 50 participants

- Require advance approval from Deputy Commander, EUCOM
 - U-A staffing goes through U-A SG and JA to verify compliance with Guidance followed by GO/FO endorsement
- Packages must include description of event, dates/duration, purpose, number of attendees, type of attendees (e.g. military, civilian, contractor, etc.)
- Packages must also include summary of the force health protection risk mitigation plan (e.g. physical distancing, mask requirements, hand hygiene, COVID-19 screening, and validation of vaccination records).
- Exemptions
 - For purposes of this Guidance, meetings do not include military training and exercise events
 - Military training includes formal classroom training, orientation courses, continuing education, and other events at schools and facilities ordinarily engaged in the business of training
 - Exercise events include exercise activities, field activities, and meetings necessary to plan exercises or war games
 - Guidance only applies to “DoD sponsored” meetings. Not all gatherings on DoD installations are “DoD sponsored”
 - Social events at private residences or shared common spaces are excluded
 - Events involving Official Representation Funds (ORF) or other official social gatherings qualify for review
 - When in doubt, submit a request
 - The first SES/GO/FO in the chain of command/supervision must make the exemption determination
- Upon approval, the meeting organizer is required to obtain proof of vaccination (DD Form 3150/3175)
 - In-person attendees who are not fully vaccinated or decline to provide information of their status may not attend the meeting unless they provide the meeting organizer proof of a negative FDA test taken no earlier than 72 hours prior to meeting and at least weekly if meeting is > 1 week in duration
 - Foreign Nationals may submit forms that are commonly accepted in the host nation

- Official Travel

- Fully vaccinated individuals (as defined by current Force Health Protection Guidance) are not restricted from official travel
- Individuals who are not fully vaccinated or decline to provide information about their status are limited to mission-critical travel only
- Waivers require advance approval from Deputy Commander, EUCOM and follow same procedures for events as above
 - Prior to seeking a waiver, Components must assess all options for the use of video-teleconferencing, rescheduling meetings, and/or sending an alternate representative