



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
86TH AIRLIFT WING (USAF)

MEMORANDUM FOR 86 AIRLIFT WING COMMANDERS AND TENANT ORGANIZATIONS

FROM: 86 AW/CC

SUBJECT: Update to Implementation of HPCON Charlie

1. The German Federal Government and the state of Rhineland-Palatinate are easing previously established COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. After consultation with the Public Health Emergency Officer, I am ordering a deliberate, phased approach to re-open facilities and services while still adhering to public health requirements, physical distancing, and manning considerations. It is my intent to align with higher headquarters, host nation and US Army Garrison partners, whenever possible, while maintaining the Health Protection Condition (HPCON) Charlie posture as directed by the Secretary of the Air Force. As previously defined, HPCON Charlie is a *state of medical readiness declared by the installation commander when a medical emergency on the installation or within the local community may likely result in a high morbidity or contamination rate and may be considered an epidemic or higher as determined by competent medical authorities.*
2. Despite loosening of some restrictions, we must maintain the actions necessary to contain the spread of the virus. Commanders will continue to exercise judgement in determining appropriate work center manning requirements, and continue to utilize telework and technology to facilitate physical distancing.
3. Host nation distance and hygiene rules continue to evolve in response to the ongoing health risks. I urge everyone to continue limiting unnecessary contact. When allowed, on-base housing and dormitory recreational and social gatherings, to include dormitory outdoor recreational areas and day rooms, will comply with host-nation physical distancing and maximum personnel in gatherings guidance.
4. We will announce all re-openings through appropriate leadership channels in advance and continue to use social media to inform the base populace. Adherence to local national physical distancing and hygiene guidance is imperative to prevent a further outbreak of the COVID-19 virus. If an outbreak occurs in the local area, any previous restrictions may be reintroduced in order to contain the outbreak. Please go to www.ramstein.af.mil for the latest on COVID-19 response actions.
5. We understand some services will remain closed or degraded and will continue to impact personnel. We ask customers to be flexible as we continue to work together through this critical situation. This memorandum supersedes all others, same subject.

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