

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



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MEMORANDUM FOR PERSONNEL ARRIVING/RETURNING TO RAMSTEIN AIR BASE OR
AIR FORCE FACILITIES IN THE KAISERSLAUTERN MILITARY COMMUNITY

FROM: 86 AW/CC

SUBJECT: GENERAL ORDER #2, MODIFICATION #1 - INBOUND PERSONNEL RESTRICTIONS

1. Personnel in the Kaiserslautern Military Community (KMC) are obligated to follow all host nation ordinances and regulations related to control of the ongoing global pandemic whether on or off the installation. 86th Airlift Wing General Order #2, issued 15 July 2020, remains in effect for all inbound personnel.¹ In consultation with our Public Health authorities, this modification provides easing of some Air Force installation implemented requirements. Any person who has been in a high risk area in the 14 days prior to arriving in or returning to Germany will comply with the requirements as outlined in this document. The Robert Koch Institute identifies high risk areas for the purposes of this document and host nation ordinances.

2. PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION (PCS) ARRIVALS: All personnel arriving due to PCS from a high risk area will quarantine in on-base lodging for 14 days. After five days, all travelers older than 18 years of age are authorized to undergo a COVID-19 test. Once a negative test result is received, the tested travelers will be released from quarantine. Travelers not tested are required to quarantine for the full 14 days. PCS personnel are authorized to quarantine at an off-base establishment if on-base lodging is full. A non-availability memorandum is required for off-base lodging.

3. ASSIGNED PERSONNEL RETURNING FROM TRAVEL: Personnel assigned to Air Force units in the KMC who return from a high risk area due to any travel will proceed directly to their residence and quarantine there for 14 days.

a. Return from Temporary Duty Travel (TDY) - After five days (on day six or later), a member returning from TDY may undergo a COVID-19 test. Once a negative test result is received, the member will be released from quarantine. Ramstein-based aircrew will follow current operational guidance regarding post-mission restriction of movement.

b. Return from All Other Travel - If testing capacity allows, individuals returning from either unofficial or leave travel (including emergency leave) may undergo a COVID-19 test on their 10th day in quarantine. Once a negative result is received, the individual will be released from quarantine.

4. TRANSIENT PERSONNEL: Transient personnel are defined as those individuals whose final destination is not Ramstein or other military facility in the KMC and do not have official duties on the installation. If lodging is required, transient personnel must be lodged on-base and will remain in a restriction of movement (ROM) status while awaiting onward travel. Transient personnel remaining overnight in ROM status will proceed directly to their lodging room and will remain there.

¹ DoD civilians, contractors, dependents, and foreign service members who are lodged/living off base and satisfy German national requirements to be released from quarantine may not access any KMC military installation except for medical appointments until 14 days after their arrival/return date or compliance with testing as provided in this order.

a. Transiting personnel are required to remain on their KMC installation of arrival/lodging unless released from this order by Air Force authorities. They will not visit any off-base establishment, restaurant, private domicile, or any other off-base location. Personnel may leave their quarters only to pick up take-out food from the food court or restaurant in the Kaiserslautern Military Community Center (KMCC) and the Shoppette to be consumed in their individual lodging room. Access to any other business on the installation to include the Base Exchange, Commissary or other shops in the KMCC is prohibited.


5. TEMPORARY PERSONNEL: Individuals present due to official duties on Ramstein AB or other Air Force facilities in the KMC (i.e. temporary duty travel, exercise participation, deployments, etc.) will be lodged on-base for the duration of their duties in the KMC. Upon arrival, individuals will enter quarantine for 14 days with the ability to undergo a COVID-19 test after five days. Personnel are authorized to leave their quarters as described in paragraph 4.a. Individuals will be permitted to proceed with their duties without restriction following a negative COVID-19 test. Personnel assigned to a KMC facility for greater than 30 days are authorized to lodge off-base following the receipt of a negative COVID-19 test.

6. EXEMPTIONS. All personnel are allowed to depart their quarters for individual fitness up to one hour per day. Brief absences from quarters are allowed for pet owners attending to the needs of an accompanying pet. These activities must occur in an outdoor setting and segregated from any base-assigned personnel. Other limited exemptions from quarantine may be granted for extenuating circumstances only after consideration of all concerned interests. Approval authority for limited exemptions is the unit commander in coordination with the 86 AW COVID-19 Operational Planning Team (COVID OPT).

7. Each person arriving to Ramstein Air Base or any Air Force operated facility in the KMC is responsible for ensuring they are aware of the latest regulations and will utilize their chain of command, exercise planners, and/or sponsors to ensure compliance. Any individuals (including dependents) or their leadership will notify 86 AW Public Health when entering a travel-related quarantine.

8. This modification applies to all personnel, including United States military personnel (from any branch of service), civilians, family members, contractors, and foreign nation military and civilian personnel. The modification of the order is made pursuant to my authority as installation commander and 86th Airlift Wing commander. Failure to comply with General Order #2 is a violation of Article 92, Uniform Code of Military Justice, and other applicable laws. Anyone violating the order, military or civilian, may be prosecuted or be subjected to other administrative actions. This modification is effective immediately and remains in force until rescinded in writing.

9. As installation commander, my focus must be on effective execution of our Air Force mission. To that end, the health and safety of our community must remain a priority. Please, contact the COVID OPT at DSN 480-2966 or 86aw.covid-19.opt@us.af.mil if you have further questions. You may also follow the Ramstein COVID-19 webpage at www.ramstein.af.mil/COVID-19/ for more information related to COVID-19 requirements.


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