

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



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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 #3 - 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 on-going 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.<sup>1</sup> In step with changes to the host nation ordinances and upon consultation with USAF Public Health authorities, this modification provides adjustment of some Air Force installation implemented requirements. The Robert Koch Institute (RKI) identifies risk, high incidence, and virus variant areas for the purposes of this document.
2. FULLY VACCINATED PERSONNEL: Personnel are considered fully vaccinated against COVID-19 14 days after receiving their last vaccination dose. Fully vaccinated personnel who arrive from a risk area or high incidence area and do not show symptoms of COVID-19 are exempt from travel related quarantine in accordance with host nation guidance. Fully vaccinated personnel who have stayed in or travelled through a virus variant area must quarantine, see paragraph 9 below. Fully vaccinated personnel still need to monitor themselves for typical symptoms of COVID-19 infection. Fully vaccinated personnel are still required to test in accordance with host nation entry ordinance requirements prior to arrival in Germany.
3. PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION (PCS) ARRIVALS: All personnel arriving due to PCS traveling from or through a RKI designated risk area or high incidence area within the past 10 days will quarantine in on-base lodging for 10 days. After five days (on day six or later), all travelers are authorized to undergo a COVID-19 test (see paragraph 8). PCS personnel are authorized to lodge at an off-base establishment if on-base lodging is full. A non-availability memorandum is required for off-base lodging.
4. ASSIGNED PERSONNEL RETURNING FROM TRAVEL: Personnel assigned to Air Force units in the KMC who travel from or through a RKI designated risk area or high incidence area within the past 10 days due to any travel will proceed directly to their residence and quarantine there for 10 days. After five days (on day six or later), individuals returning may undergo a COVID-19 test (see paragraph 8). Ramstein based aircrews will follow current operational guidance.
5. TRANSIENT PERSONNEL: Transient personnel are defined as those individuals whose final destination is not Ramstein AB or any other military facility in the KMC and do not have official duties on the installation. If overnight lodging is required, personnel will proceed directly to their lodging and are to remain in their assigned room unless released from this order by Air Force authorities while awaiting onward travel.
  - a. 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) or 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 unless individuals are fully vaccinated (see paragraph 2 above).

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<sup>1</sup> 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 10 days after their arrival/return date or compliance with testing as provided in this order.

6. **TEMPORARY PERSONNEL:** Individuals present due to official duties on Ramstein AB or other Air Force facilities in the KMC (e.g., temporary duty travel, exercise participation, deployments, etc.) will be lodged on-base for the duration of their duties. Upon arrival, individuals will enter quarantine in accordance with the local host nation quarantine requirements. Personnel are authorized to leave their quarters as described in paragraph 5.a unless otherwise directed. Personnel assigned to a KMC facility for greater than 30 days are authorized to lodge off-base following a negative COVID-19 test in accordance with local quarantine requirements.

7. **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 a pet. These activities must occur in an outdoor setting and segregated from any base-assigned personnel. Approval authority for limited exemptions from quarantine may be granted by the unit commander in coordination with the 86 AW COVID-19 Operational Planning Team (COVID OPT).

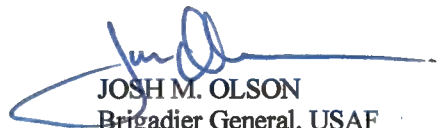
8. **COVID-19 TESTING:** COVID-19 tests to end quarantine must be conducted by an officially sanctioned lab and tests must meet the requirements outlined by the host nation guidelines. Privately procured self-tests, conducted by the individual do not meet the intent of a COVID-19 test for release from quarantine. Individuals 18 and older who require a COVID-19 test are authorized to test at on or off base testing locations. If available, children under 18 may test at an off base test center. Once a negative test result is received, the tested individual is released from quarantine. If a child is too young to be tested, the child must complete the full 10 day quarantine period. The date of arrival in the KMC area is day zero for all quarantine requirements.

9. **ENTRY FROM A VIRUS-VARIANT AREA:** All personnel, including fully vaccinated individuals, who arrive from or have traveled through a virus-variant area are required to quarantine for a full 14 days. There is no ability to test out early.

10. 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.

11. This Modification is effective immediately, replaces Modification #2 and remains in force until rescinded. It applies to all personnel, including U.S. military personnel (any branch), civilians, family members, contractors, and foreign nation military. 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. Violators of this order may be prosecuted or subject to other administrative actions.

12. Please follow the Ramstein COVID-19 webpage at [www.ramstein.af.mil/COVID-19/](http://www.ramstein.af.mil/COVID-19/) for updated information and requirements. Contact the COVID OPT at DSN 480-2966 or [86aw.covid-19.opt@us.af.mil](mailto:86aw.covid-19.opt@us.af.mil) if you require further clarification to requirements.

  
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