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MEMORANDUM FOR SUPERVISORS AND COMMANDERS OF ALL STUDENTS
ATTENDING DEFENSE INFORMATION SCHOOL (DINFOS)
COURSES

FROM: DINFOS/COMMAND GROUP

SUBJECT: DINFOS Vaccination and Testing Requirements for Course Attendance

READ THIS MEMORANDUM THOROUGHLY. IT CONTAINS CRITICAL REPORTING INFORMATION AND IF NOT FOLLOWED PROPERLY COULD RESULT IN BEING DISENROLLED FROM YOUR COURSE.

DINFOS will only accept students who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19, or unvaccinated students who have obtained an approved service waiver/exemption. Any unvaccinated students with an approved exemption will be required to submit to weekly testing as well as provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test, administered within 72 hours from the start or first day of a course.

It is incumbent upon the Military Service or DoD organization, agency or command to comply with all DoD guidelines before enrolling a student in a DINFOS course. This includes ensuring that unvaccinated personnel have received approval from the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) or service secretary component for unvaccinated members to travel, and that the travel has been determined "Mission-critical." This requirement is outlined in DoD Memo dated 4 APR 2022: *Updated Coronavirus Disease 2019 Guidance Related to Travel and Meetings*.

Individuals who are symptomatic should not travel to DINFOS for course attendance. If individuals become symptomatic or come in close contact with a COVID-19 positive individual while attending DINFOS, the Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center on Ft. Meade will conduct COVID-19 testing. Test results can be looked up, usually within 12-24 hours, via the Tricare Patient Portal at www.Tricare.mil and clicking on the "Find My Login" link in the upper right-hand corner. DoD civilians not under Tricare can still find their results on Tricare.mil via CAC access. Tricare.mil is the fastest way to receive your test results.

Students who test positive for COVID will immediately be placed in isolation. Any other students who were in close contact with the positive individual may be placed in quarantine and re-tested for COVID five days after the initial exposure. DINFOS cannot guarantee that an isolated or quarantined student will be able to remain in the course. However, we make every effort to accommodate students through virtual means if possible. If virtual accommodations are not possible, the student may be administratively dropped from the course and may be re-enrolled into a future class as practicable.

All students should be prepared to present proof of vaccination. Prior to arrival unvaccinated students with an approved service waiver should contact their POC listed below for reporting procedures. Unvaccinated students who fail to provide proof of waiver or negative test results on the established report date may be deregistered from the course and should contact their liaison immediately.

POCs:

Navy		301-677-5112	navydet@dinfos.edu
Air Force	Command Support	301-677-5982	
	Staff	301-677-5053	
Army TDY	MSG Demetrius Farrell	301-677-4959	pacs-rom@dinfos.edu
Army IET	Report to Staff Duty	301-677-6167	dma.meade.dinfos.list.det-usa@mail.mil
Marine Corps	GySgt Nichols	301-677-7201	dnichols@dinfos.edu
Coast Guard	SCPO Cangemi	510-890-6086	ncangemi@dinfos.edu
DoD Civilian	Ms. Travoune Morris	301-677-6590	tmorris@dinfos.edu

Any student exhibiting COVID symptoms, should immediately contact both their service liaison and instructor team, as well at the Tricare Nurse Hotline at 1-800-TRICARE (874-2273), option 1 for further guidance. IHG/Candlewood Suites on Ft Meade and the majority of local lodging in the surrounding area will not allow a COVID-positive patron to remain in their hotels. Any student who tests positive for COVID and is required to leave their current lodging to isolate, is personally responsible to verify that their unit or service (if lodging is centrally billed) will cover isolation lodging costs. POCs listed above have contact information for a local lodging establishment that *will* take COVID-positive personnel on an individual basis. **DINFOS will not cover any costs associated with ROM, quarantine or isolation.**

We continuously monitor health conditions and reassess requirements in coordination with Ft. Meade public health experts, and Service directives. We appreciate your cooperation to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. If you have any questions on these requirements, contact Maj. Brian Wagner; 301-677-5024 or bwagner@dinfos.edu.

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