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

FROM: DINFOS/CG

SUBJECT: Early Reporting and Restriction of Movement Requirements

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

You are receiving this memorandum as a registered student of: _____

This memorandum applies to the following students:

1. Any initial accessions/non-prior service students (MOS-I) arriving at Ft. Meade via **non**-sterilized transportation. MOS-I arriving by sterilized transportation from basic training/boot camp are considered safeguarded and do not need to ROM/test and should integrate via their respective detachment's guidance.
2. Prior service/reclassifying (MOS-T) students.

DINFOS has had to adjust operations in response to the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure the health and safety of all our students, staff and faculty. This memo outlines Restriction of Movement (ROM) requirements for students prior to starting their DINFOS courses.

Fully vaccinated individuals and those who have recovered from COVID within 90 days:

In accordance with DoD Force Health Protection Guidance (Supplement 20) dated 12 Apr 21, any individual who is **fully vaccinated** is granted an exception to ROM and testing requirements. Additionally, any individual who has fully recovered from COVID-19 within the past 90 days is also exempt from ROM and testing; anytime past 90 days will require a ROM if unvaccinated. Individuals claiming an exception to ROM will be required to present their CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Card, Service immunization record, or previously confirmed lab result of having COVID-19 on the first day of the course. Individuals who fail to provide official documentation will not be allowed into the course. "Fully vaccinated" is defined as someone who is 2 weeks past receiving their full FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccination. This is two weeks after receiving their final shot.

Unvaccinated and partially vaccinated individuals:

Consistent with DoD Force Health Protection Guidance (Supplement 20) dated 12 Apr 21, DINFOS utilizes *conditional release* ROM for unvaccinated and partially vaccinated students **before** the course begins. DINFOS *Conditional Release* ROM requirements are as follows:

All students under conditional release ROM must remain sequestered in their quarters, monitor body temperature, and report any symptoms of illness to their Service liaison. Students may leave quarters only to conduct essential tasks, such as grocery shopping, laundry, seeking medical attention, or physical training. Students are required to observe social distancing protocols to include maintaining six feet of separation from others, wearing a mask, and frequently wash their hands during these activities. *Students residing in the barracks may have additional ROM requirements and/or accommodations and will be briefed upon arrival.*

Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated students' orders must provide sufficient days to report in accordance with the following pre-course ROM and COVID test timelines:

1. All applicable students attending the Mass Communication Foundations (**MCF**) 108-day course and Basic Television Equipment Maintenance Course (**BTVEM**) shall arrive **14 days prior** to the start of their course for initial ROM.
 - a. No COVID test is required for this full-length ROM.
 - b. Arrival day counts as day 1 of the ROM which goes through the end of day 14. Students will start class on day 15.
 - c. Any student arriving less than 14 days out is subject to being dropped from the course due to insufficient time for initial ROM.
2. Local Students: Students who reside within 250 miles of Ft. Meade may conduct the 14-Day ROM at home, Additionally, un- or partially vaccinated students who choose to ROM at their residence within the 250-mile radius should not travel to DINFOS via public transportation, as this would increase risk of exposure en route and invalidate the ROM period. It is highly recommended that local students who reside beyond a 30-minute drive from Ft. Meade be allowed to acquire lodging on/near Ft. Meade due to regional traffic creating delays that prolong commutes, which adds burden to students in an already packed academic schedule.

COVID-19 Testing: No testing is required for students participating in the 14-day ROM. Any student exhibiting COVID symptoms, to include fully-vaccinated individuals or those who have previously had COVID-19, should immediately self-quarantine and contact both their Service liaison and instructor, as well as the Tricare Nurse Hotline at 1-800-TRICARE (874-2273), option 1 for further guidance. If COVID testing is directed by medical authorities, they should proceed directly to Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center (KACC) to be tested via the drive-up Central Screening Point (CSP) at the loading dock on the backside of the building.

Students who test positive for COVID will immediately be placed in isolation and any other students who were in close-contact with the positive individual may be quarantined and possibly tested for COVID. DINFOS cannot guarantee that an isolated/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 re-enrolled into a future class as practicable.

For any TDY students not residing in the barracks, IHG/Candlewood Suites on Ft Meade and the majority of local lodging in the area surrounding Ft. Meade will not allow a COVID-positive patron to remain in their hotels. Any student who resides in these accommodations and tests positive for COVID-19 may be required to leave to isolate. Students are personally responsible to verify that their unit or service (if lodging is centrally billed) will cover isolation lodging costs. ROM POCs 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 or isolation.**

Upon arrival, students shall immediately contact their ROM POC for reporting. Students who fail to begin their initial ROM on the established report date may be deregistered from the course and should contact their liaison immediately.

ROM POCs:

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We continuously monitor health conditions and reassess ROM 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 LCDR Daniel Day, 301-677-5024 or dday@dinfos.edu.

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