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MEMORANDUM FOR SUPERVISORS AND COMMANDERS OF STUDENTS ATTENDING
DINFOS COURSES

SUBJECT: EARLY REPORT AND RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT FOR MCF AND FOLLOW-ON
COURSES

This memorandum applies to the following students:

1. Prior service/reclassifying (MOS-T) who are scheduled to attend the Mass Communication Foundation course (MCF), or are scheduled to attend a follow-on course (Broadcast Journalism, Graphic Design, Writing, Visual Documentation) without attending the MCF 108-day core course.
2. Initial Accessions students (MOS-I) who arrived at Ft. Meade via non-sterilized transportation.

The Defense Information School (DINFOS) has had to adjust operations in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. DINFOS hosts students from various states and countries; therefore, we must ensure the health and safety of all our students, staff and faculty. Based on current health conditions, and in coordination with Ft. Meade public health experts, and Service directives, **DINFOS requires students to report 14 days early for a Restriction of Movement (ROM) period.**

A ROM is defined as limiting movement of an individual or group to prevent or diminish the transmission of a communicable disease, including limiting ingress and egress to, from, or on a military installation. DINFOS utilizes a 14-day Conditional Release ROM (ROM-sequester by Navy terms) that requires students to be sequestered to their room, but may leave for limited excursions such as physical training, medical appointments and meals.

All students who reside within 100 miles of Fort Meade are exempt from ROM, but are directed to observe all social distancing, mask wearing and sanitation protocols. Service training commands and home station units must identify funding to support the ROM. DINFOS understands the burden a ROM places on the Services and our students. We continuously monitor health conditions and reassess the 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 the requirements, please contact Lt Col Eric Simon, 301-677-2173 or eric.i.simon2.mil@mail.mil.

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