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502 ABW Commanders/Supervisors

On 11 March 2020, the Department of Defense (DoD) issued a Stop Movement order for travel to, from, or through Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Travel Health Notices Level 3 (COVID-19) designated locations, effective 13 March to 8 May 2020. On 13 March 2020, the DoD issued an additional Stop Movement order for all domestic travel for DoD Components from 16 March to 11 May 2020 in order to preserve force readiness, limit the continuing spread of the virus, and preserve the health and welfare of Service members, DoD civilian employees, their families, and the local communities in which we live.

The Stop Movement orders apply to all DoD military personnel. Additionally, they apply to all DoD civilian personnel and DoD family members, whose transportation is government funded.

On 16 March 2020, the Secretary of the Air Force determined, in writing, that currently scheduled, and Secretary of Defense-approved Global Force Management activities, are mission essential. This includes pre-planned missions in support of Combatant Commanders' enduring operations. All operating forces, to include voluntarily and involuntarily activated Reserve component personnel, will continue to prepare for employment/deployment. Personnel will continue all pre-deployment activities, i.e., processing and training. In other words, the Secretary of the Air Force granted an exception to the Stop Movement orders for deployment activities.

Travel (CONUS-to-CONUS) by patients and medical providers for the purpose of medical treatment for DoD personnel and their family members is also authorized.

On 17 March 2020, updated guidance authorized PCS travel for military members from CONUS to CDC Level 2 countries, but dependent concurrent travel is not authorized. If Airmen have a hardship based on this concurrent travel policy, MPFs will assist Airmen with requesting a RNLTD, DEROS or assignment diversion. PCS travel for military members and dependents from CDC level 2 countries to CONUS is authorized subject to travel screening protocols outlined in OSD Force Health Protection Guidance (Supplement 4) dated 11 March 2020.

Travel is authorized for Airmen (officer and enlisted) being assessed in the Regular Air Force. Basic Military Training students and technical training students are authorized to move to their next duty stations upon completion of training. Losing organizations will coordinate with gaining units on mitigation requirements. Graduates who have assignments to CDC Level 2 countries may be diverted. Graduates who have assignments to CDC Level 3 countries will be diverted.

Additionally, the Secretary of the Air Force delegated to me the authority to grant additional exceptions to the Stop Movement order for those under my command. Exceptions may be granted in writing for compelling cases where the travel is: 1) determined to be mission essential; 2) necessary for humanitarian reasons; or 3) warranted due to extreme hardship.

To request an exception to policy, please have your members use the attached Exception to Policy Memo and route through unit commanders to 502 ABW/JA at: usaf.jbsa.502-abw.mbx.502-abw-ja-workflow@mail.mil. For questions please contact 502 ABW/JA at 210-808-0015. If approved, the member will receive a signed approval memo that they should keep with them while traveling. Members traveling under an exception or exemption are subject to travel screening protocols.

Thank you for your continued support. Please continue to closely monitor the JBSA.mil webpage dedicated to COVID-19: <https://www.jbsa.mil/Information/CDC-Novel-Coronavirus-Response-Support/>.

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Attachments:

1. Template for Approving Mission Essential Travel
2. JBSA ETP to COVID Stop Movement Memo
3. Stop Movement Guidance as of 18 March 2020
4. Stop Movement Dashboard