

UNCLASSIFIED

Electronic Copy
Headquarters, MCoE
Fort Benning, GA 31905
30 1500 JUL 21

FRAGO 18 to OPORD 20-061 Fort Benning and MCoE COVID-19 Transition Framework (UNCLASSIFIED)

(U) References

- a. Memorandum Deputy Secretary of Defense – Updated Mask Guidance for all DoD Installations and Other Facilities (28 JUL 2021)
- b. Memorandum Secretary of the Army – Use of Masks and Delegation of Authority to Grant Exemptions (24 FEB 2021)
- c. Memorandum Secretary of Defense – Use of Masks and Other Public Health Measures (04 FEB 2021)

Time Zone Used Throughout the Order: Romeo (Local)

Task Organization: (NO CHANGE)

1. Situation. (NO CHANGE)

2. Mission. (NO CHANGE)

3. Execution. (NO CHANGE)

a-b. (U) (NO CHANGE)

c. (U) Tasks to Staff: **(ADD)**

(U) **(ADD) Surgeon Cell** During Weekly CUB Update provide assessment of FBGA's risk of infection rate using CDC definition of community transmission rate within FBGA AOR (Chambers, Chattahoochee, Harris, Lee, Muscogee, and Russell Counties).

- a. (U) Counties will be tracked using both new cases per 100,000 persons and positive NAAT tests (reference CDC definitions of community transmission rate in Coordinating Instructions).

- b. (U) County community transmission rates for the FBGA AOR will be compiled using the CDC COVID-19 Tracker located at <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/>.

d. (U) Tasks to Subordinate Units. **(NO CHANGE)**

e. (U) Coordinating Instructions. **(CHANGE)**

(U) **(ADD) Definitions** CDC defines “substantial community transmission rate” as either ≥ 50 new cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days or ≥ 8.00 percentage of positive nucleic acid amplification tests in the past 7 days within a county.

CDC defines “high community transmission rate” as either ≥ 100 new cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days or ≥ 10.00 percentage of positive nucleic acid amplification tests in the past 7 days within a county.

<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/pdfs/mm7030e2-H.pdf>

(1-6) (U) **(NO CHANGE)**

(7) (U) **Testing (CHANGE)**

(a-m) (U) **(NO CHANGE)**

(n) (U) **(ADD)** Beginning on 1 July, Patriot Express flights departing SEATAC stopped offering PCR COVID Testing prior to the flight. Soldiers **MUST** arrive with a negative COVID PCR test within the last 72 hours for admittance to the flight and subsequently Korea or Japan. All TRADOC IET Soldiers PCSing to a location that requires a negative test are required to receive a negative test prior to departing their last training location, Patriot Express change should not affect the IET enterprise.

(o) (U) **(ADD)** Permanent party Soldiers with families PCSing to a location that requires a negative test should schedule COVID testing for the entire family from servicing MTF before departing their losing installation.

(p) (U) **(ADD)** Up to date travel guidance for Soldiers departing overseas: [COVID-19 Country Specific Information \(state.gov\)](https://www.state.gov/covid-19).

(8-14) (U) **(NO CHANGE)**

(15) (U) **(CHANGE) COVID IET Orders Process and Holdover Prevention**

(a) (U) **CHANGE**

(1-2) (U) **(NO CHANGE)**

(3) (U) **(CHANGE)** SMs' whose First Unit of Assignment (FUA) is OCONUS ~~(to include Hawaii but not Alaska)~~ will require a COVID Test within 72 HRS prior to arrival. BDEs will coordinate with BMACH Operations at usarmy.benning.medcom-bmach.mbx.bmach-ops-taskings@mail.mil to ensure SMs are scheduled a COVID test within 72 HRS of arrival. All SMs will hand carry their negative test results and BDEs will maintain a digital copy of the SM's negative test result. If a FUA or permanent party SM traveling to the Republic of Korea and tests positive for COVID-19, they must retest NET than 90 days after their first test. SMs may not travel to the Republic of Korea without a negative test. BDEs will attempt to change assignment for FUA SMs traveling to the Republic of Korea who receive a positive test. BDEs will schedule COVID-19 tests with the BMACH Operations at usarmy.benning.medcom-bmach.mbx.bmach-ops-taskings@mail.mil, NLT than 1200 on the Thursday of the week prior to the requested test.

(4-6) (U) (NO CHANGE)

(16-31) (U) (NO CHANGE)

(32) (U) (CHANGE) Use of Cloth Face Covering

(a) (U) **(CHANGE) NLT 301700JUL21** All individuals on MCoE/FBGA (to include Camp Frank D. Merrill and Camp James E. Rudder), property and inside facilities will wear DOD compliant face coverings when indoors and when they cannot maintain six (6) feet of social distance in an outdoor area (this does not include Soldier or family member's personal residence on a military installation). Individuals living in open-bay congregate settings are required to wear cloth face coverings when not sleeping or conducting personal hygiene. This guidance includes all Soldiers, DACs, family members, DA contractors, and all other individuals on MCoE/FBGA property, facilities, and installations.

(b) (U) (NO CHANGE)

(c) (U) **(RESTATE)** Cloth face coverings should fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face and should be secured with ties or ear loops. The cloth face coverings should include multiple layers of fabric to allow for breathing without restriction and must be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape.

(d) (U) **(RESTATE)** Cloth face coverings shall be routinely washed (i.e., daily) depending on use. A regular washing machine is sufficient to properly sanitize the cloth face coverings. Disposable face coverings should be replaced frequently. Note: Personnel wearing cloth face coverings should be careful not to touch their eyes, nose,

and mouth when removing their face covering and must wash hands immediately after removing the cloth face covering.

(e) (U) **(ADD)** Individuals required to wear masks must consistently wear a mask that covers the nose and mouth and that meets all current guidance from the CDC and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

(f) (U) **(ADD)** Recommended masks include non-medical disposable masks, masks made from breathable fabric, masks made with tightly woven fabric (no light passes through when held to a light source), masks with 2 or 3 layers, and masks with inner filter pockets. Novelty or non-protective masks, masks with ventilation valves, or face shields are not authorized as a substitute for masks.

(g) (U) **(ADD)** Locations where masks must be worn include any common areas or shared workspaces (open floorplan office spaces, cubicles, and conference rooms) and all thoroughfares.

(h) (U) **(ADD)** MCoE/FBGA installations, other facilities, and worksites shall, as soon as possible, post signs and post information on their websites clarifying what masking requirements apply in each installation, other facility, and worksite.

(i) (U) **(ADD)** Personnel coming onto a MCoE/FBGA installation, other facility, or workspace who do not have a mask may be provided one. All MCoE/FBGA (and outlying facility) personnel should continue to comply with CDC guidance regarding areas where masks should be worn, including within airports. Security checkpoints may require the lowering of face covers to verify identity.

(j) (U) **(ADD)** Exceptions to this indoor masking policy for life, health, or safety reasons are delegated to the O7/SES level. Exceptions to this policy must be documented. This exception to policy may not be delegated below the O7/SES level.

(33-39) (U) (NO CHANGE)

(40) (U) **(RESTATE)**

(a-b) (U) (NO CHANGE)

(c) (U) **(RESTATE)** Due to the high intensity training nature of the OSUT cohorts, ARTB training, and the risk for heat casualties, OSUT and ARTB cohorts/ population do not have to wear face masks during outdoor activities as long as they remain in the same bubble (more than 14 days on Fort Benning). Cadre who are not vaccinated are required to wear a face mask to ensure they are not a vector into the formation.

(41-48) (U) (NO CHANGE)

(49) (U) **(CHANGE)** Open Graduations

(a-d) (U) **(NO CHANGE)**

(e) (U) **(RESTATE)** Face masks are required at all times at open graduations and Turning Blue ceremonies, except when consuming food or drink. Units will ensure masks are worn and will also have extra face masks on-hand for guests who may need one.

(f) (U) **(RESTATE)** Attendees in reviewing stands/auditoriums must socially distance. No graduation or Turning Blue ceremony will be at more than 60% capacity of the facility where the ceremony is being held.

(50-76) (U) **(NO CHANGE)**

(77) (U) **(ADD)** Service members, Federal employees, onsite contractor employees, and visitors who are not fully vaccinated also need to continue to physically distance consistent with applicable CDC and DoD Force Health Protection guidance.

(78) (U) **(ADD)** Telework guidance: Authority for telework remains delegated to the O5/Director level. Staff and directors need to keep the Chief of Staff informed as to their current number of teleworking employees.

(a) (U) **(ADD)** All Tenant Organizations and directorates will review employee telework eligibility and feasibility to ensure continued mission support can be achieved and ensure telework training for supervisors and employees is conducted if telework agreements become relevant.

(b) (U) **(ADD)** In order to be telework ready, both the employee and supervisor must complete training and receive a certificate acknowledging successful completion of the course. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) training is located at <https://www.te.ework.gov/training-resources/telework-training>. DD Form 2946, Department of Defense Telework Agreement must be in place prior to commencement of telework.

(c) (U) **(ADD)** VPN Account [Information:](https://portal.tradoc.army.mil/sites/mcoe/mcoestaff/G6/CyberSecurity/SitePages/System%20Access.aspx)
<https://portal.tradoc.army.mil/sites/mcoe/mcoestaff/G6/CyberSecurity/SitePages/System%20Access.aspx>

i. (U) **(ADD)** How to Access VPN:

- (a) Logon computer and establish a Wi-Fi Connection
- (b) Open **Cisco AnyConnect Secure Mobility Client**
- (c) Click Connect to **benga.ra.army.mil**

- (d) Select certificate (usually Email or Authentication)
 - (e) Follow prompts to connect to **NASE Domain Users**
 - (f) Accept on Welcome banner
 - (g) Multiple failures may require computer restart
- ii. (U) **(ADD)** How to access Outlook Web Access (OWA):
- (a) Logon computer and establish a Wi-Fi Connection
 - (b) Open Internet Explorer
 - (c) Go to <https://web.mail.mil>
 - (d) Select your **Authentication** Certificate & enter PIN
 - (e) Navigate through acceptance notice, rerouting links, and second acceptance notice.

4. Sustainment. (NO CHANGE)

5. Command and Signal. (NO CHANGE)

ACKNOWLEDGE:

DONAHOE
CG, MCoE

OFFICIAL:



Fort
BROWN
MCoE G-3

(NO CHANGE) **ANNEXES:**

(NO CHANGE) **ENCLOSURES:**

(NO CHANGE) **DISTRIBUTION**