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SUBJECT: Exemption of Authorized Leave for Department of Defense Service Members from  
Coronavirus Disease 2019 Personnel Movement and Travel Restrictions

References: (a) Secretary of Defense Memorandum, "Transition to Conditions-based Phased  
Approach to COVID-19 Personnel Movement and Travel Restrictions,"  
May 22, 2020 (hereby modified)  
(b) Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness  
Memorandum, "Force Health Protection Guidance (Supplement 4) –  
Department of Defense Guidance for Personnel Traveling During the Novel  
Coronavirus Outbreak," March 11, 2020

Effective immediately, leave travel for DoD Service members is exempt from the  
coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) travel restrictions in reference (a). Authorized leave  
outside the local area will be approved at a level no lower than the unit commander or  
equivalent.

**Additional Guidance**

- Commanders and supervisors will conduct a risk assessment of the health status and  
travel itinerary for Service members requesting leave. Service members should not  
travel if they display a fever or other symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or if they



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have had close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 14 days. DoD personnel will comply with any DoD, Federal, State, and local restrictions while in a leave status.

- Commanders and supervisors will follow the procedures in reference (b) for all Service members traveling on leave. Commanders and supervisors will establish a means of communication with all Service members throughout the period of leave and the post-travel process, as well as prescribing actions for their particular circumstances.
- All other guidance contained in reference (a) remains in effect until further notice.

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