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MEMORANDUM FOR SENIOR PENTAGON LEADERSHIP
DEFENSE AGENCY AND DOD FIELD ACTIVITY DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: Guidance for Participation of International Military Students and Trainees in Department of Defense Formal or Informal Military Education and Training at U.S. Government Facilities During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic

- References:** (a) Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Memorandum, "Guidance for Participation of International Military Students and Trainees in Department of Defense Formal or Informal Military Education and Training at U.S. Government Facilities During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic," May 7, 2021 (hereby rescinded)
- (b) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Amended Order Implementing the Presidential Proclamation on Advancing the Safe Resumption of Global Travel During the COVID-19 Pandemic, October 30, 2021, as amended April 4, 2022
- (c) "Consolidated Department of Defense Coronavirus Disease 2019 Force Health Protection Guidance," August 29, 2022 version

This memorandum rescinds and replaces reference (a), consistent with references (b) and (c), and prescribes DoD guidance for the international military education and training community, in execution of DoD and Department of State programs, during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. It ensures the safety and well-being of U.S. military and civilian personnel, International Military Students (IMS), civilian students, dependents, scholars, faculty, and staff participating in DoD-sponsored formal and informal international military education and training programs at Government facilities.

Effective immediately, and until further notice, DoD Component heads, military installation commanders (or their equivalents), security cooperation personnel, and the heads of military education and training institutions will implement the policies and procedures in this memorandum. This guidance does not affect DoD security screening requirements for foreign military personnel participating in training at DoD facilities in the United States or their authorized dependents.

Inbound IMS, and their authorized and eligible accompanying dependents traveling on official or diplomatic visas, are excepted from the requirement for non-U.S. citizens and non-U.S. immigrants traveling to the United States to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 prior to departure from a foreign country. IMS who are not fully vaccinated prior to departure from their home country will undergo restriction of movement for at least 5 days, unless they have documentation of having recovered from COVID-19 in the past 90 days, and be vaccinated within 60 days of arrival unless they are a participant in certain COVID-19 vaccine trials as determined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or they have a signed letter

from a licensed physician documenting a medical contraindication to receiving a COVID-19 vaccine.

Authorized and eligible accompanying dependents who are 18 years of age or older and are not yet fully vaccinated prior to departure from their home country must also be vaccinated within 60 days of arrival, unless they are a participant in certain COVID-19 vaccine trials as determined by CDC or they have a signed letter from a licensed physician documenting a medical contraindication to receiving a COVID-19 vaccine.

As soon as practicable, the Military Departments will notify IMS currently enrolled in training, and who will remain in the United States for 60 days or longer from the date of this memorandum, of the requirement to be *fully* vaccinated within 60 days, unless they are a participant in certain COVID-19 vaccine trials as determined by CDC or they have a signed letter from a licensed physician documenting a medical contraindication to receiving a COVID-19 vaccine.

IMS who begin the vaccination process, and continue through full vaccination, will be allowed to remain in training without interruption. This includes IMS who have agreed to vaccination but, due to scheduling issues, are not fully vaccinated within 60 days. If an IMS required to be vaccinated by this guidance declines vaccination, the Military Department will document the refusal, inform the host nation through Security Cooperation channels, dis-enroll and return the IMS to the partner country, and may impose cancellation charges on the host country.

Inbound IMS are not required to become fully vaccinated if the IMS' stay in the United States will be 60 days or less.

IMS must comply with any DoD force health protection guidance requirements for official visitors to DoD facilities contained in reference (c) (including any updates), and other relevant Federal, State, and local COVID-19 public health requirements in effect at the location where they will be receiving education and/or training.

Additional funding necessary to meet the requirements contained in this memorandum should be coordinated with appropriate agency financial management authorities to ensure the availability of funds. The Defense Security Cooperation Agency will continue to coordinate with relevant agencies and partners to mitigate COVID-19 impacts for current and future IMS and their dependents.

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