



Travel Requirements During COVID-19

Travel directly or indirectly funded by the government requires a waiver if any portion of the trip includes a restricted location.

- **For ALL TRAVEL**, commanders, waiver exemption authorities, and **travelers must adhere to all federal, state and local rules**, including testing and restriction of movement (ROM) requirements, if applicable.
- **Personal** (non-government-funded) travel (authorized leave outside local area not directly or indirectly related to official travel) is **exempt from location-based waiver requirements**. (Leave outside the local area requires approval from the Marine's unit commander or civilian equivalent – typically O-5 and above).
- **Government-funded** travel for any purpose other than those listed in the exemptions sidebar, including any authorized leave outside the local area that is directly or indirectly related to official travel, is **subject to location restrictions**.
 - Example 1: Funded Environmental Morale Leave (FEML) and Consecutive Overseas Tour (COT) leave is directly related to official travel; travel restrictions apply.
 - Example 2: Leave in conjunction with duty travel (including PCS travel or TDY) is indirectly related to official travel; travel restrictions apply.
- **Travel to, from, or through restricted locations requires a waiver** which must be approved by an appropriate officer in the grade of **O-6 or civilian equivalent**.
- For PCS travel, waivers must be coordinated between the gaining and losing organizations.

Installation restrictions:

www.defense.gov/Explore/Spotlight/Coronavirus/Latest-DOD-Guidance/
(scroll down to the "Travel Restrictions" section and look for the most recent weekly update).

Exemptions

1. Travel associated with uniformed personnel recruiting and accessions activities, to include accessions, basic training, advanced military individual training, and follow-on travel to the first duty station.
2. Travel by patients for purposes of medical treatment.
3. Travel for deployment or operational activities.
4. Joint Force travel authorized by the Commander, US TRANSCOM.
5. Travel by personnel pending retirement or separation.
6. Travel to and from professional military education.
7. Travel for formal, entry-level civilian accessions programs.
8. Travel by civilian employees complying with overseas tour rotation agreement requirements.

References: SecDef Memo: Update to Conditions-based Approach to Coronavirus Disease 2019 Personnel Movement and Travel Restrictions (15Mar2021); Force Health Protection Guidance (Supplement 14) – Department of Defense Guidance for Personnel Traveling During Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic (29Dec2020); MARADMINS: 333/20 (22Oct2020), 059/21 (5Feb2021);