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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
COMMANDERS OF THE COMBATANT COMMANDS
DIRECTORS OF DEFENSE AGENCIES
DIRECTORS OF DOD FIELD ACTIVITIES

SUBJECT: Authorized Departure Extension — Individuals at Higher Risk from COVID-19

The Department of State (DOS) has extended until July 11, 2020 the Authorized Departure from any diplomatic or consular post for eligible family members (EFMs). This includes DoD EFMs and civilian personnel — to include a civilian employee and/or other EFMs who may need to accompany them — who have determined they are at higher risk of a poor outcome if exposed to COVID-19 or who have requested departure based on a commensurate justification in foreign areas. This Authorized Departure was previously set to expire on June 11, 2020.

The extension of the Authorized Departure applies to DoD EFMs and civilian employees currently at safe havens under the original Authorized Departure. DoD EFMs and civilian employees who did not have travel orders approved prior to May 7, 2020, may no longer avail themselves of the opportunity to depart, consistent with my guidance on May 21, 2020 (attached).

The DoD point of contact is Ms. Ann Lee, Office of the Executive Director, at ann.y.lee6.civ@mail.mil or (703) 693-3002.

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SUBJECT: Authorized Departure for Individuals at Higher Risk from COVID-19 – Termination of Departure Authority

The Department of State (DOS) has terminated departure authority under the previously approved Authorized Departure for Individuals at Higher Risk from COVID-19 (Global AD), effective May 7, 2020.

Under the memorandum issued by my office on March 20, 2020 (attached), DoD Eligible Family Members (EFMs) and civilian employees who determined they were at higher risk of a poor health outcome if exposed to COVID-19 or who requested departure based on a commensurate justification in foreign areas — as well as a civilian employee and/or other EFMs who may have needed to accompany them — were authorized to depart, provided that they also had obtained a waiver from applicable DoD travel restrictions.

DoD EFMs and civilian employees who did not have travel orders approved prior to May 7, 2020, may no longer avail themselves of the opportunity to depart.

DOS has extended the Global AD until June 11, 2020, for those currently at safe havens under the Global AD, or who remain eligible to depart to safe havens. This extension applies to DoD EFMs and civilian employees in these circumstances.

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SUBJECT: Authorized Departure — Individuals at Higher Risk from COVID-19

The Department of State (DOS) has approved an Authorized Departure from any diplomatic or consular post for eligible family members (EFMs), including DoD EFMs, and civilian personnel — to include a civilian employee and/or other EFMs who may need to accompany them — who have determined they are at higher risk of a poor outcome if exposed to COVID-19 or who have requested departure based on a commensurate justification in foreign areas, effective March 14, 2020. DOS employees must consult confidentially with DOS' Medical Evaluation Division before they make this determination.

DoD EFMs and civilian employees who have determined they are at higher risk of a poor health outcome if exposed to COVID-19 or who have requested departure based on a commensurate justification in foreign areas — as well as a civilian employee and/or other EFMs who may need to accompany them — are authorized to depart their current duty station. DoD civilian employees occupying emergency positions who wish to depart their duty station must consult with their supervisor. The designated safe-haven for departing DoD EFMs is the United States. The designated safe-haven for departing DoD civilian employees is Arlington, Virginia.

Authorized departures are only permitted when appropriate transportation and reception procedures are in place, consistent with the travel restrictions issued by the Secretary of Defense on March 11, 2020. Organizations must establish pre- and post-travel screening and reception procedures for all travelers, to include providing Service members or DoD civilian employees information regarding prescribed actions for themselves and their EFMs given their particular circumstances.

The Authorized Departure will remain in effect until terminated by DOS.

All travel arrangements must be made in accordance with the JTR. DoD EFMs of Service members will be processed for safe-haven allowances in accordance with the Joint Travel Regulations (JTR), Chapter 6 (Evacuation Travel), paragraph 0602. DoD civilian employees and their EFMs will be processed for allowances in accordance with the JTR, Chapter 6, paragraph 0604.

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