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PUBLIC ADVISORY: One Misawa Member Confirmed with COVID-19

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan – One Japanese Child Development Center employee in the Misawa Air Base community tested positive for COVID-19 on 15 April. The current number of active COVID cases at Misawa AB is six.

The member was identified as a close contact with a COVID positive member at Misawa AB on 12 April. The member initially tested negative for COVID, and was placed in quarantine as a precautionary measure. No additional close contacts were identified.

Based on the timeline of contact, quarantine, and transmission of COVID, the 35th Medical Group Public Health office assessed the risk is low for transmission to community members. However, Public Health is offering COVID testing for concerned personnel and children at the CDC.

No additional restrictions or closures are being placed on base personnel or facilities at this time.

U.S. Forces Japan also remains at a heightened level of alert and maintains a public health emergency, which applies to all personnel.

Actions required by units within USFJ during this elevated health protection status include:

- Limiting or cancelling in-person meetings, training events, formations, large social gatherings, etc.
- Monitoring conditions in areas near U.S. facilities and areas and close coordination with local health officials.
- Encouraging strict hygiene measures, including frequent handwashing and wiping down common surface areas on a regular basis.
- Implementing health screening measures at points of entry onto installations.
- Maintain a close-contact log to improve contact tracing in the event a member becomes ill with COVID-19, and to quickly isolate other potential contacts.

For up-to-date information, please continue to monitor the USFJ Facebook, @USForcesJapan, as well as Misawa AB Facebook, @MisawaAirBase.

Updates from the Centers for Disease Control are available here:

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/alert/coronavirus-japan>

The U.S. Embassy in Tokyo has additional information available here:

<https://jp.usembassy.gov/u-s-citizen-services/covid-19-information/>