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## **PUBLIC ADVISORY: 13 Misawa AB Members Confirmed with COVID-19**

**MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan** – The 35th Medical Group Public Health office identified and isolated 13 COVID-19 positive members from Misawa Air Base, Aug. 17-23. The infected personnel consisted of fully vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals.

The 35th Medical Group Public Health office is actively conducting contact tracing and COVID testing to mitigate the spread of COVID to the on and off-base community.

Based on the timeline of contact, quarantine, transmission of COVID on base, and the current number of COVID cases throughout Aomori Prefecture, the Public Health office assessed the risk is moderate for COVID transmission to community members.

To mitigate the risk, all personnel are advised to strictly follow existing Centers for Disease Control hygiene and social distancing COVID mitigation measures. Additionally, personnel with mild symptoms or known contact with COVID personnel are advised to contact Public Health at DSN 226-6116 or commercially at 0176-77-6116 for COVID testing.

Effective immediately, to mitigate risk associated with the rise in COVID cases on and off base, the installation commander has directed all Misawa Air Base personnel to limit the following on and off-base activities until Sept. 2, at 6:00 p.m. During this timeframe, base personnel must comply with the following restrictions:

- ❖ All personnel (vaccinated and unvaccinated) are required to limit gatherings to 20 personnel or 50 percent of the meeting space capacity, whichever is less (on and off base).
  - Gatherings exceeding this limit require consultation with Public Health and unit commander approval.
  - All personnel are required to wear face masks during gatherings with more than 20 personnel, unless actively engaged in physical fitness activities.
- ❖ While traveling to Hachinohe and Aomori City, all personnel (vaccinated and unvaccinated), must:
  - Limit dining to take-out only; no dining in.
  - Make deliberate, essential purchases only. “Buy, don’t shop.”

Additionally, the Food and Drug Administration officially approved the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine on Aug. 23. Personnel are encouraged to help mitigate the spread of COVID by voluntarily becoming vaccinated. Base personnel can schedule a COVID vaccination appointment by accessing the following website: <https://informatics-stage.health.mil/COVAX/>.

For up-to-date information, to include a map with current restricted areas of Japan, please continue to monitor the official Misawa AB Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/MisawaAirBase>, and the official Misawa AB website, <https://www.misawa.af.mil/COVID-19-Information/>.