

# MISAWA AIR BASE Rom Handbook





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### WELCOME TO JAPAN

It is our pleasure to welcome you to Misawa Air Base. We are excited to have you as a member of Team Misawa. This will be a unique and rewarding assignment as our team is a dynamic and critical piece to operations across the Pacific.

Our team is working around the clock to make the arrival and ROM process as seamless as possible without sacrificing safety for you, your family, and every other member of the team.



CMSgt Joey R. Meininger Command Chief, Misawa AB

Due to COVID-19, anyone arriving from outside Japan or the defined local area must spend their first days in a (ROM) Restriction of Movement. ROM is a MANDATORY step to ensuring you or your family members have not contracted COVID-19 and will not spread it on our installation or within Japan. Those who are on restriction of movement orders must follow the guidance outlined in the base ROM policy except for approved exceptions. This handbook will answer many of the questions you may have regarding ROM. Please familiarize your self with this handbook. For additional ROM information please reference the current MAB COVID-19 Directive located on www.Misawa.af.mil or the QR code below.

Failure to comply with these policies may subject you to punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice if you are a military member, and for our civilian employees and dependents, failure to comply could result in revocation of command sponsorship, early return of dependents, or denial of access to Misawa Air Base.

Your safety and health is critically important to our mission and to keeping Team Misawa safe. We realize that being subject to ROM can be mentally taxing, and we thank you for your patience and understanding as you bear with us in this process.

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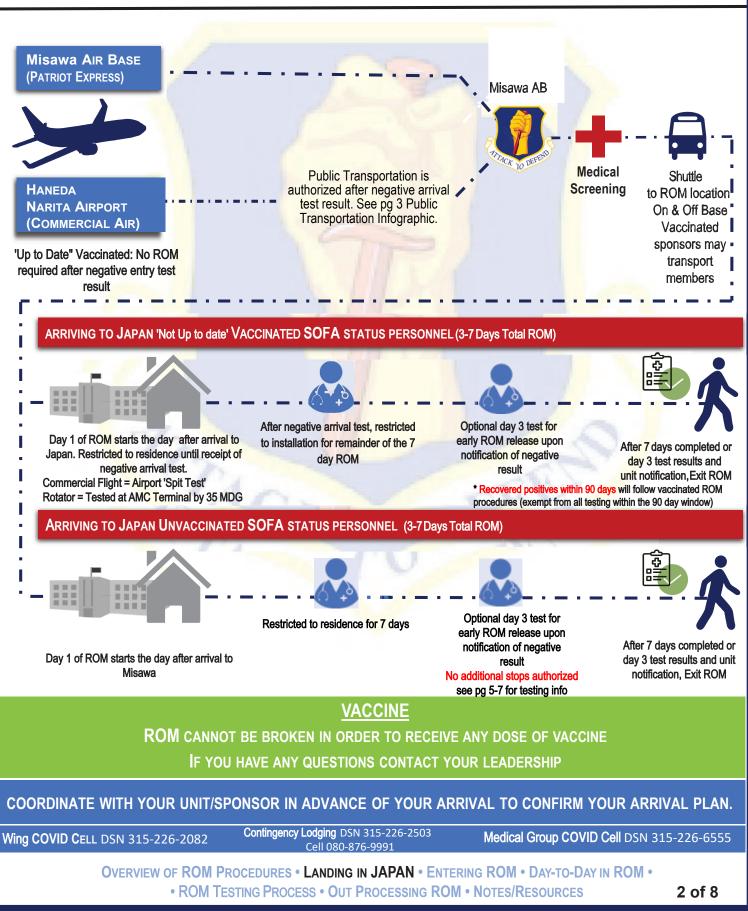
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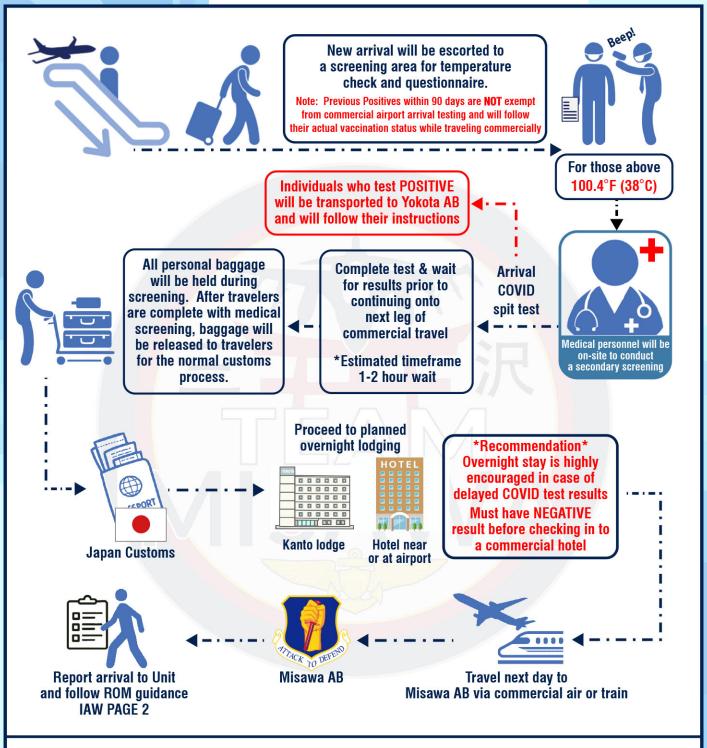
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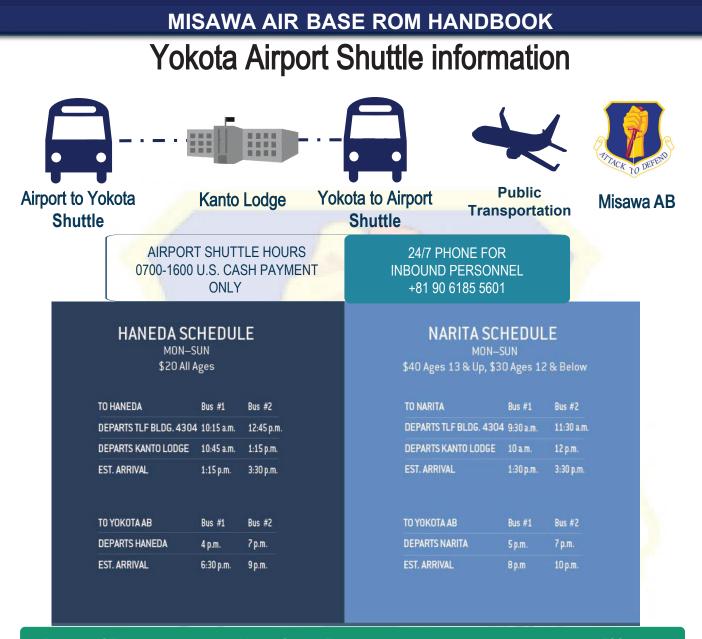
## **OVERVIEW OF ROM PROCEDURES**



## **TRAVELING VIA COMMERCIAL AIR OR TRAIN**



- \* Not-up-to date or Unvaccinated individuals who receive a NEGATIVE COVID-19 arrival test have 24-hrs after arrival to Japan to travel to their ROM location and are required to ROM IAW Page 2
- Traveling into Japan and OPSEC: SOFA status individuals, upon arrival into the Japan, are not required to download COVID-19 tracking applications nor sign pledges to follow GOJ COVID-19 procedures. However, SOFA status individuals may choose to download the COVID-19 tracking application and/or sign the pledge if refusing either would prevent onward movement. Upon arrival at a U.S. installation or domicile, SOFA status individuals are authorized to remove any GOJ required COVID-19 tracking applications from personal devices. Applications programs that were not supplied or approved by the U.S. Government are NOT authorized for use on U.S. Government provided phones or computers.



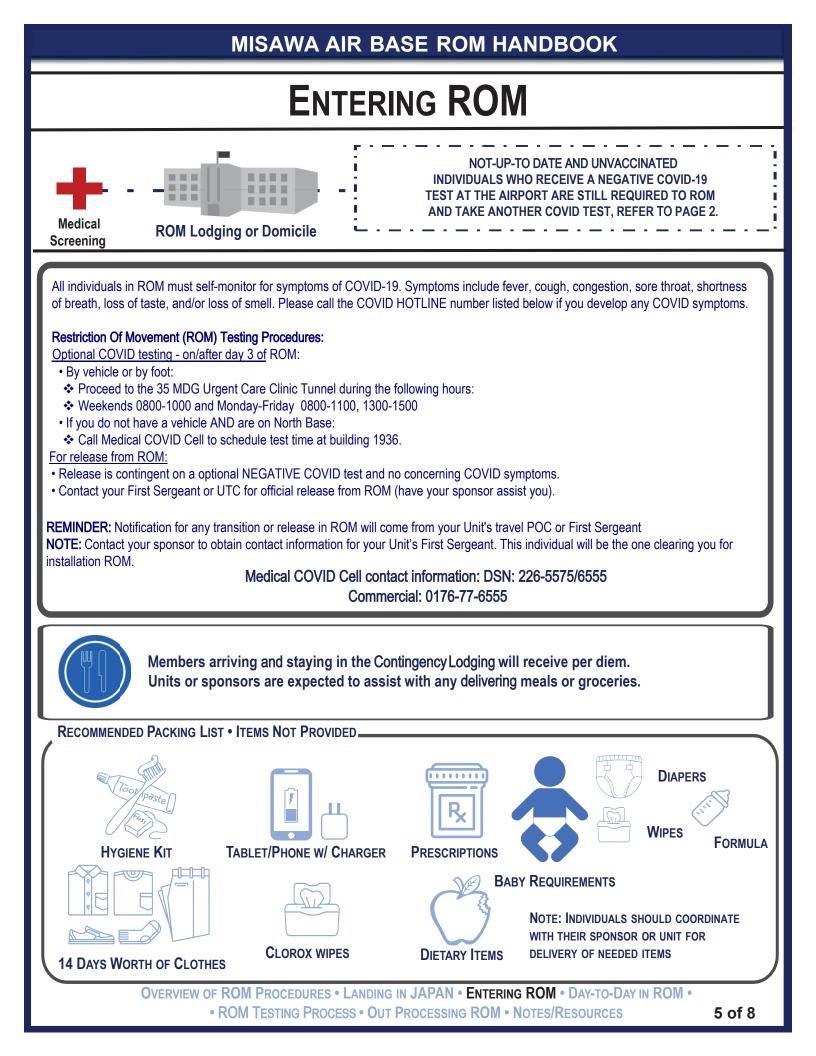
Pets are NOT allowed on the Airport-Yokota Shuttle. Transportation arrangement must be made through FSS vehicle ops for a personal shuttle (DSN: 315-225-7720). It is recommended to schedule at least three weeks prior to need. Costs can be found on the

FSS website: https://yokotafss.com/vehicle-operations/

#### Yokota AB LRS Dispatch:315-225-9121

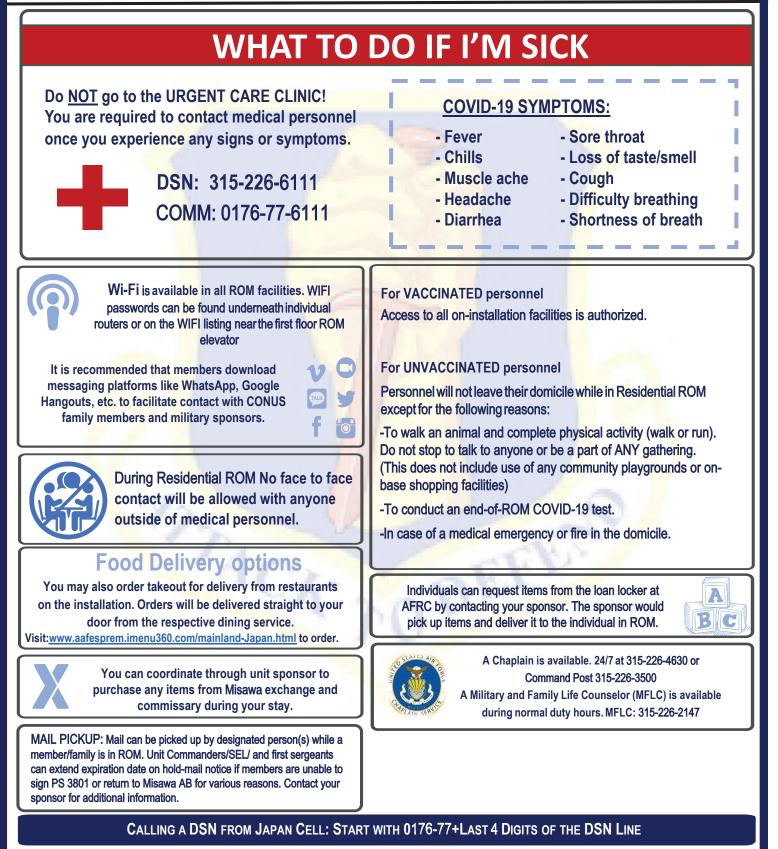
- Members utilizing public transportation MUST wait at the airport for their COVID test results before using any public transportation.
- For overnight stays members may utilize lodging at Yokota AB or hotels at or near the airport with a negative arrival test result before check in.
- Yokota's Kanto Lodge website can be found at: https://yokotafss.com/kant-lodge/
- 'Not up to date/unvaccinated' travelers who are past 24 hours of arrival to Japan, public transportation is no longer authorized until completion of ROM. Travelers should complete their 3-7 day rom requirements in Yokota AB and contact the Misawa AB COVID Cell at DSN: 226-2082 for additional options.
- More information can be found on Misawa AB webpage: www.misawa.af.mil/COVID-19-Information/

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# **ROM TESTING PROCESS**

TRICARE MEMBERS enrolled in TRICARE Online can also access their results virtually however, this is not your official release from ROM.

https://www.tricareonline.com/tol2/prelogin/desktopIndex.xhtml

Login (DS or DFAS myPay username/password or CAC)

click "Health Record" "Laboratory Results"



All members will be notified by their unit POC that they are cleared from ROM.



- Optional day 3 test for Not-up-Date and Unvaccinated
- COVID-19 Testing is conducted Mon-Fri 0800-1100, 1300-1500 & Weekends 0800-1000.
- The test is a anterior or nasopharyngeal swab.

#### **TESTING INFORMATION:**

a. A medical professional will test individuals at their ROM location if they are:

- (1) Newly arrived permanent party personnel that do not have a POV
- (2) Dorm residents that are in the ROM towers and do not have access to their POVs
- (3) On Isolation status
- b. Individuals who have been approved to ROM in their established on/off-base homes and have a POV will drive to the MDG tunnel for COVID-19 testing, as directed. Individuals will:

(1) Ensure the only personnel in the POV are of the same household and each passenger is in the vehicle for the sole purpose of receiving a COVID-19 test from the 35 MDG.

(2) At the gate, the driver will keep windows rolled up, as much as possible, and present proper identification for base access. If questioned by Security Forces or any other first responder, the driver will exercise discretion and may roll down the window enough to be able to hear and provide responses as needed.

c. Individuals that require COVID-19 testing will only be authorized to drive from their ROM location to the MDG tunnel, and proceed directly back to their ROM location. There will be NO stops in between, to include drive-thru restaurants.

Medical COVID Cell contact information: DSN: 226-5575/6555 Commercial: 0176-77-6555



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# **NOTES/RESOURCES**

#### Additional Resources

USFJ Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/USForcesJapan/

Misawa AB Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/MisawaAirBase/

Misawa Website: www.Misawa.af.mil

Crisis online chat: www.VeteransCrisisLine.net/Get-Help/Chat

AAFES Food Delivery: https://aafesprem.imenu360.com/map/map.html

Misawa FSS: www.35fss.com

Misawa Housing: www.housing.af.mil/home/units/Misawa

Medical COVID Cell email: usaf.misawa.35-mdg.mbx.covid-hotline@mail.mil

Misawa Inn 315-222-0282 or 0176-66-0282

Military Housing Office 315-226-3200

On-Call Chaplain 315-226-4630 or Command Post 226-3500 Refer to MAB COVID-19 Directive for additional and most up to date information located on www.miaswa.af.mil.

#### Definitions:

Fully Vaccinated - An individual vaccinated with an authorized COVID-19 vaccine who is >2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a two-dose vaccination series, or >2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine. The ROM status for fully vaccinated individuals will be determined by whether they are up to date on vaccination or not (within 5 months of completion of an mRNA vaccine series or 2 months of a J&J vaccine dose OR have completed a booster dose).

**Residential ROM -** Residential ROM is the most restrictive ROM and limits personnel movement and interaction to personal residence or ROM towers for 3-7 days. Un-vaccinated dorm residents will complete the duration of their ROM in Bldg 1935/1936. All individuals in Residential ROM while on Misawa AB installation are allowed to walk an animal and complete physical activity (walk or run). Do not stop to talk to anyone or be a part of ANY gathering.

**Installation ROM -** Access to all on-installation facilities authorized. You are not authorized to leave the installation. Installation ROM will extend through day 3-7 of the ROM period in all cases. (If living off base, Installation ROM only authorizes travel to/from your residence and base – no stops/interactions with local people.)

Working ROM – Authorized by your Unit commander and must be in a separate working environment. Travel is only authorized via POV to/from your place of work and domicile; no other stops allowed. Only contactless food delivery is authorized.

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