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The purpose of this document is to highlight key points contained in the Spangdahlem AB Coronavirus Communication Plan and other COVID products managed by PA including pertinent facts, messaging highlights, and most likely questions and answers. This is an evolving situation and this document will be updated regularly to reflect that. Everything referenced here has been verified by the appropriate authorities and aligns with EUCom and DOD guidance.

BLUF: Military members and their families can get free COVID tests in the Bitburg-Prum district starting this week.

PA POSTURE: Active. 52 Fighter Wing Public Affairs is continuing to find ways to inform the base and community.

CURRENT SITUATION:

Spangdahlem AB: The 52 MDG began offering Pfizer Vaccine doses for 12 to 17 year olds starting last week. Parents will be notified when new sign up slots become available.

Rhineland Pfalz: Free COVID tests are being administered to military members and their families in the Bitburg-Prum district starting this week. Members are allowed one test a week and must be symptom free. Appointments can be made online or by phone. The link for appointments is: <https://www.bitburg-pruem.de/cms/buergerservice-verwaltung/corona-portal/schnelltestzentren>

Rhineland-Pfalz has released a [3-Phase reopening plan](#) effective 13 May. If the 7-day incidence rate goes above 100, the federal emergency brake still applies.

Phase 1, effective 13 May

In districts and urban districts that have an incidence of less than 100 for five days in a row and in which the federal emergency brake does not apply,

- Entire trade (retail stores) can reopen starting 12 May. The same conditions currently apply in grocery stores.
 - "Low-contact" vacation is possible. Overnight stays in holiday apartments and in mobile homes and caravans with their own sanitary facilities are allowed again.
 - Overnight stays in hotels are also possible with little contact, for example if breakfast is offered in the room and a private bathroom is offered. A test on arrival and every 48 hours thereafter is necessary for the stay.
- Outdoor sports: non-contact exercise is possible, to include areas of soccer training where you can keep your distance.
- Indoor sports are allowed within contact restrictions, if the distance is maintained and the person limit of one person to 40 square meters is not exceeded.
- Sport is also possible for a maximum of 20 children without keeping the distance.

Phase 2, effective 21 May

- Outdoor Cultural events/spectators sports events are allowed (with a negative test). Max 100 people with assigned seats. The distance rules must be observed for the seats.
- Outdoor Group sports can also be practiced with a maximum of five people from a maximum of five households, under the guidance of a coach.
- If incidence is less than 50, indoor catering and cultural events are possible again (with distance, test and mask).

Phase 3, effective 2 June

- Opening of the hotels (with negative tests), hotels again provide gastronomic offers, and outdoor pools can open
- Indoor catering and indoor cultural events such as theaters, opera houses, cinemas and museums are also open (with negative test)
- Youth camps with overnight stays can also be held again, and for sports clubs and fitness centers, indoor and outdoor sports training is again possible for one person per 20 square meters.
- Adult groups can also do sports indoors with five people at a distance.
- If the incidence is below 50, outdoor group sports are also possible with a maximum of 20 adults at a distance.

MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS:

- **DW:** [Coronavirus: Germany declares UK a virus variant region](#)
- **DW:** [Coronavirus digest: German infection rate at 2-month low, vaccinations speed up](#)
- **REUTERS:** [Germany to take France off coronavirus risk list](#)

OF NOTE: This is a very fluid situation. All information contained in this document is subject to change. The CDC website continues to be the primary source for the most up to date information available about the virus.

REFERENCES

Department of Defense policies and information: <https://www.defense.gov/Explore/Spotlight/Coronavirus/>

U.S. official guidance on the virus and recommended precautions: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/>

European official guidance on the virus: <https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en>

Travel restrictions by country: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html/>

HPCON levels: <https://phc.amedd.army.mil/topics/campaigns/covid19/Pages/HPCON.aspx>

Stop movement documents and information: https://mypers.af.mil/app/answers/detail/a_id/46605

Official Air Force information: <https://www.af.mil/News/Coronavirus-Disease-2019/>

Latest German reported positive cases: https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Fallzahlen.html

Spangdahlem specific information: <https://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/Coronavirus/>

German current situation media updates: <https://www.dw.com/en/about-dw/profile/s-30688>

Updates on restrictions in Germany: <https://de.usembassy.gov/covid-19-information/>