



## General Staff Update - 08Apr21

The current level 5 restrictions are expected to be in place until at least 12Apr21.

A revived DF Framework for Living with COVID-19 will be distributed before 26APR21, until then the restrictions issued on 07JAN21 will remain in place

The General Staff convened on the 08APR21 to review the issues raised and provide necessary decisions and guidance.

The medical force protection of all personnel remains the priority of the General Staff.

The following decisions were provided by the General Staff

- The 5th AR PO Course and the AR Potential NCO's Course will complete the field tactical training and assessment block in Kilworth Camp from 30Jul to 15 Aug 21. This is subject to Government restrictions and COVID-19 situation.
- Planning for the conduct of these courses, to be led by D RES, is approved and should examine the use of any additional RDF personnel required to conduct these courses.
- In the meantime, D RES has submitted a proposal for the resumption of RDF Training Activities to DCOS (Ops) for consideration, this will be reviewed in line with ongoing COVID-19 restrictions.

The follow updates and guidance were provided by the General Staff

- As of 08Apr21 1803 members of the DF have received the COVID-19 vaccine.
- The DF is following Government advise in relation to the prioritisation of the vaccine. There are three DF cohorts that can be nominated for vaccination outside of the age related priority:
  - DF pers working in COVID facing tasks.
  - DF pers listed to deploy on an overseas mission
  - DF pers in the medically vulnerable categories - managed by Formation MOs and it is a medical in confidence matter.
- The UN requirement to conduct pre-deployment quarantine for all pers (regardless of vaccination) remains in place.
- CMU will conduct a review of the potential use of Antigen Testing for selected career course in the DFTC.

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