

In order to review the revised national guidance and the further easing of restrictions, a COVID-19 JOPG was held on the 29 SEP '21.

1. The General Staff reviewed the issues raised and provided the necessary Decisions and Guidance. The **medical force protection** of all personnel remains the priority of the General Staff.

2. The following **Decisions** were provided by the General Staff:
 - a. **Organised indoor group activities** (sports, arts, culture, fitness classes) can take place with capacity limits of 100 people in line with National and Defence Forces guidelines.

3. The following **Updates and Guidance** were provided by the General Staff:
 - a. The Government anticipates that the vast **majority of restrictions will be lifted from 22 OCT '21**. In expectation of this significant easing of restrictions, Formation Commanders are advised that prudent planning can now take place for the conduct of mess functions and indoor and outdoor events/activities when the current limits on numbers are expected to be removed.
 - b. The **64th Inf Gp** are continuing to isolate in the Glen of Imaal prior to their deployment to UNDOF on 07 OCT '21.
 - c. All personnel are reminded that any person who considers that they have **any medical issue** that may require intervention should make a Medical Officer, medic or contracted civilian doctor aware of the issue, so that appropriate medical care can be provided without delay.
 - d. **OPERATION FORTITUDE** continues with 110,390 personnel deployed on operations to date. Average daily deployments over the last 14 days is 130 personnel. This figure is trending downwards below 100 per day in line with the DF withdrawal plan. Defence Forces support to the Mandatory Quarantine Scheme was completed on 25 SEP '21
 - e. Formations are reminded of the necessity to ensure that all their personnel receive the Defence Forces **COVID-19 Risk Awareness Brief** (Version 2) in 2021 and are recorded on the TMS for same.

DF Internal Comms Team.