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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS  
CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF  
COMMANDERS OF THE COMBATANT COMMANDS  
DIRECTORS OF DEFENSE AGENCIES  
DIRECTORS OF DOD FIELD ACTIVITIES

SUBJECT: Authorized Departure Extension — Individuals at Higher Risk from COVID-19

The Department of State (DOS) has extended until August 10, 2020, the Authorized Departure from any diplomatic or consular post for eligible family members (EFMs). This includes DoD EFMs and civilian personnel — to include a civilian employee and/or other EFMs who may need to accompany them — who have determined they are at higher risk of a poor outcome if exposed to COVID-19 or who have requested departure based on a commensurate justification in foreign areas.

The extension of the Authorized Departure applies to DoD EFMs and civilian employees currently at safe havens under the original Authorized Departure. DoD EFMs and civilian employees who did not have travel orders approved prior to May 7, 2020, may no longer avail themselves of the opportunity to depart, consistent with my guidance on May 21, 2020.

The DoD point of contact is Ms. Ann Lee, Office of the Executive Director, at [ann.y.lee6.civ@mail.mil](mailto:ann.y.lee6.civ@mail.mil) or (703) 693-3002.

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