



FACT SHEET

Conditions-based Phased Approach to Personnel Movement and Travel

NAVADMIN 073/21 cancels NAVADMIN 189/20, 283/20 (Update 6) and 169/20 (PCS Prioritization) and reissues guidance for conditions-based travel. The changes include:

- Updating references
- Removing “stop-movement” language and Factor 1 and Factor 2 conditions for unrestricted travel
- Revises ROM requirement for immunized Sailors traveling within the United States
- Provides delegation of uncontested PCS waivers to the gaining command (O-6 level)(vice PERS-4)
- Deletes verbiage and paragraphs deemed no longer necessary

What you need to know

Green Means GO	Exceptions Still Apply	Waivers
<p>The status of installation travel restrictions, either RED (travel restrictions in place) or GREEN (travel restrictions lifted), will be posted weekly on MyNavy Portal at https://www.mnp.navy.mil/group/don-covid-19-travel-tracker and on Defense.gov.</p> <p>As outlined in NAVADMIN XXX/21, unrestricted travel (i.e. no waiver required) may resume between installations when both the departure and the destination are identified as GREEN.</p>	<p>The Navy recognizes there is a wide range of mission essential travel that needs to take place even as we continue to assess optimal conditions. The below circumstances are exceptions that do not need waivers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Travel associated with uniformed personnel recruiting and accessions activities, to include accessions, basic training, advanced military individual training and follow-on travel to the first duty station. 2. Travel by patients (to include those on the Temporary Disability Retired List (TDRL)), as well as their authorized escorts and attendants, for purposes of medical treatment. Travel by medical providers for the purposes of medical treatment for DoD personnel and their families is also authorized. 3. Travel for deployment or redeployment. 4. Travel authorized in support for U.S. Transportation Command missions such as aircrew. 5. Travel by personnel who are separating or retiring. 6. Travel by personnel under the authority of a Chief of Mission. 7. Travel to/from professional military education. 8. Personal Leave/Liberty. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waivers to travel restrictions may be granted. • If all travel locations are GREEN, unrestricted travel is authorized and no waiver is required. • For cases not exempt, travel to or from RED locations (i.e. an area where travel restrictions are in place) requires a waiver. • The PCS Travel Waiver request format is posted on MyNavy Portal.
Leave/Liberty		Installation Conditions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal leave and liberty travel outside of the local area for Sailors is exempt from COVID-19 related travel restrictions. • Leave approvals may be delegated no lower than the unit CO, OIC, or equivalent. • Commanders will conduct a risk assessment of both the travel itinerary and the health status of the member desiring to take leave. 		<p>At the installation level, the following conditions must be met to allow for safe travel:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Removal of local travel restrictions. 2. Availability of essential services such as childcare and moving services. 3. Quality control/assurance capability for household goods packing and moving in the local area. 4. Health Protection Condition that is favorable and recognizes a downward trend of cases (below HPCON C).

Additional Guidance For COs/OICs

COs/OICs should review travel plans carefully and implement risk mitigation measures when appropriate based on:

- A Sailor’s leave destination, the location’s rate of COVID-19 documented cases and mode of travel
- Immunization status and unit employment schedule

****We must remain vigilant!****

Wear face coverings, wash hands often, and practice social/physical distancing

Policy Guidance Links:

- MyNavy Portal: <https://www.mnp.navy.mil/group/don-covid-19-travel-tracker>

Q1. What circumstances do not require a waiver?

A1. The Navy recognizes there is a wide range of mission essential travel that needs to take place even as we continue to assess optimal conditions. The following circumstances are exceptions that do not need waivers. Travel associated with uniformed personnel recruiting and accessions activities, to include accessions, basic training, advanced military individual training and follow-on travel to the first duty station, travel by patients to include those on the Temporary Disability Retired List, as well as their authorized escorts and attendants, for purposes of medical treatment. Travel by medical providers for the purposes of medical treatment for DoD personnel and their families is also authorized, travel for deployment or operational activities, travel authorized in support for U.S. Transportation Command missions such as aircrew, travel by personnel who are separating or retiring, travel to/from professional military education and personal leave/liberty.

Q2. Who is determining green or red status?

A2. Navy installations who meet all of the gating criteria, as reported by Commander, Navy Installations Command, are assessed by the applicable Navy Component Commander to determine lifting travel restrictions. We have a team of experts in place to closely monitor this situation and will be using COVID-19 special data collection technology to make assessments. We are also taking direct input from our local installation commanders. They are the true eyes and ears on the ground, and we respect their assessment to how local conditions are progressing. They are also ensuring that we have critical services like childcare and available moving companies before we lift restrictions. We want to ensure the health of our force before making a “green” determination.

Q3. So does “green mean go” still apply when commanding officers are determining leave approval?

A3. Our system for assessing all other movement that is not for personal leave/liberty remains in effect, which rests on installation-level data regarding conditions in and surrounding DoD installations, facilities and locations. Authorized leave outside of the local area will be approved at a level no lower than the unit CO, OIC or equivalent. We are counting on commanding officers to assess each request on a case-by-case basis and determine the safety of the individual before approving the leave.

Q4. How does the PCS travel waiver process work?

A4. If you are not moving from a Green to Green area, a waiver is required. Sailors should go to MyNavy Portal and fill out the PCS Travel Waiver Form. The losing command will submit the COVID-19 waiver request, which must be endorsed by the first O-6 or civilian equivalent. The gaining command will determine their recommendation. If both commands concur, the gaining command (no lower than the O-6 level) will approve the waiver, submit to the to PERS451@navy.mil with the waiver text pasted into the body of the email and notify the losing command. Sailors with approved waivers should move as directed. If the waiver is contested, the waiver will be submitted to PERS451@navy.mil for adjudication by PERS-4.

Q5. What are some of the conditions that go into unrestricted travel?

A5. Conditions to resume unrestricted travel rest on installation-level data regarding conditions in and surrounding DoD installations, facilities and locations. The assessment criteria for lifting travel restrictions are detailed in the SECDEF memo on update to conditions-based approach to coronavirus disease 2019 personnel movement and travel restrictions and paragraph 2.B. of NAVADMIN XXX/21.

Q6. How is “mission essential” travel defined and will I be able to PCS?

A6. Mission-essential travel refers to work that must be performed to ensure the continued operations of mission-essential functions, including positions that are deemed key and essential. Your best bet is to check with your detailee and your gaining command. If the unit you are going to is deploying, for instance, you will likely proceed forward.

Q7. Where can Sailors find more information concerning COVID-19 guidance?

A7. Sailors can get U.S. Navy COVID-19 Update at <https://www.navy.mil/US-Navy-COVID-19-Updates/>. The DoD COVID-19 Travel Information App (<https://covid-status.data.mil>) also provides useful tools to assist with making risk informed decisions on approving leave and implementing the appropriate mitigation measures when individuals return from leave.