



The Government continued their phased easing of restrictions and further easing are expected in June and July. In order to review the current situation for the DF with respect to COVID-19 related matters a COVID-19 JOPG was held on the 4th of June.

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

The follow **decision** were provided by the General Staff:

1. A revised DF Framework for Living with COVID-19 (Ver 13) will be issued in the coming days.
2. 1 Bde RDF pilot induction programme is approved and can commence.
3. DF outdoor events and outdoor matches may commence with up to 100 DF pers attending depending on venue.
4. DF Gyms and Pools may open for individual training only.
5. Mess Bars may reopen for all mess member for outdoor service only.

The follow updates and guidance were provided by the General Staff:

1. The DF has approx 230 pers deployed daily in support of Op FORTITUDE across a range of testing, vaccinating, logs and mandatory quarantine centres.
2. The conduct of Occupational Medicals on a priority basis in continuing in line with DF and national guidelines. 2400 medicals have been conducted in 2021.
3. Pregnant women are recommended by DMB to receive the COVID-19 vaccine between 14 and 36 weeks of pregnancy.
4. All Formations and Units are required to comply with guidance issued by DCOS (Sp) to recorded COVID-19 vaccinations on the Socrates Medical System.
5. Planning has commenced for the vaccination of those overseas who currently remain unvaccinated.
6. With restrictions easing and increasing numbers of personnel being vaccinated, J1 has been requested to draft guidance with respect to Business Continuity in preparation for the return of personnel to the work place.
7. All Formations and Units are requested to ensure that all their personnel are aware of the Letter of Instruction issued by DJ1 on 15Apr which states that only DCOS (Sp) may authorise the travel to the state by members of the DF as being in the course of performing their duties. No other travel to the state will be considered as travel in the course of DF duty (In the context of exemption from public health requirements)

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