

COVID-19

TROOP- AND POLICE-CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES

I. PRE-DEPLOYMENT PREPARATIONS:

Seek prior agreement to deployment plans/scheduling. Seek prior agreement through UN Headquarters to deployment plans, with the dates and ports of entry of personnel, including incoming Individual Police Officers, Military Staff Officers and Military Observers.

Ensure adequate preventative supplies. Ensure that new deployments are fully equipped with adequate supplies of **personal protective equipment (PPE)** and other COVID-19 preventative materials as part of soldier/police kits outlined in Annex A of the agreed MOUs, including items for hand hygiene (**soap, alcohol-based hand rub**), **thermometers, and face coverings** (separate from dedicated medical capabilities). Deployed personnel must arrive at the duty station with a minimum



UPDATED: Ensure compliance with quarantine. Note that as of April 1, 2022, pre-deployment quarantine for UP is no longer mandatory but remains optional. Upon arrival, contingents should quarantine for 5 days in mission. A COVID-19 antigen test should be conducted at the end of this quarantine period before the individual is released from quarantine.

UPDATED: Comply with mandatory PCR diagnostic testing. A COVID-19 PCR test prior to deployment is still required for all UP.

II. DURING DEPLOYMENT:

DURING WORK/OPERATIONS:

Prevent local transmission. Prevention of local transmission within the mission or the host country population, while carrying out mandated activities, is a priority of the highest order. While limiting and minimizing activities that require close contact where possible, ensure that all interaction within the local community by UN personnel involves physical distancing of 1-2 meters wherever possible, and that hand hygiene is exercised, and face coverings are used. For guidance on use of appropriate PPE, or cloth masks, in non-healthcare settings, see https://www.un.org/sites/un2.un.org/files/ddcoronavirus_ppeforwardfacingstaff.pdf.

Adhere to physical distancing during work. In bases, offices and other working facilities, physical distancing measures should be applied as appropriate, including but not limited to staggered hours to reduce parallel presence, increased spacing, and hand hygiene protocol when using shared equipment.

Adhere to physical distancing in public spaces. Promote strict adherence to all physical distancing guidance, including mandatory wearing of face coverings, within all operational movements and activities at all times in public spaces.

Establish enhanced cleaning procedures. Establish enhanced cleaning procedures for all shared equipment and structures.

Provide face coverings/masks. Provide face coverings/masks to all UN personnel and visitors to UN premises as needed.

LIVING ARRANGEMENTS:

