Ciao, Team Naples.

CNE/CNA recently issued a modification to their Operational Order concerning COVID-19 travel rules. One item of upmost importance when reviewing this policy is that any exemptions, such as for restriction of movement (ROM), do not remove the obligation to comply with host nation (HN) laws that may be stricter in some instances. For example, Italy still requires a 14-day ROM upon arrival from the US, unless on a certified “COVID-tested” flight regardless of immunization status.

Additionally, to take advantage of the increased travel freedom provided to those who are “immunized,” it is important to know it only applies to travel that starts 14 days or more after the second dose of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine, or 14 days or more after the single dose of Johnson & Johnson.

**ROM Policy**

**IF you are immunized,** it changes the ROM policy as follows:

- No ROM required by the Navy solely due to travel, though you likely will need authorization to go to “Red” areas on the CNE/Region EURAFCENT Travel and Liberty Map (see below).
- No ROM is required by the Navy for immunized personnel.
- ROM is still required for “close contacts” or “positive cases” by Italian law regardless of immunization status. COVID is currently at very high levels in our community, so keep your bubble small, distance large, and masks on.
- No ROM or requirement to maintain separate spaces within your home when hosting family who traveled from outside of Italy.
- Even for immunized, ROM may be required by HN law, or due to NSA Naples restrictions based on the individual circumstances such as a positive case in your home.

**For non-immunized personnel,**

- 14 days of ROM is required for theater entry or high-risk travel (travel involving CNE/Region EURAFCENT Red locations).
- If hosting family who traveled from or through red (high risk) locations outside Italy, you are required to ROM with your visitors or maintain separate spaces within your home.

**Maps**

**CNE/Region EURAFCENT Travel and Liberty Map** is the primary map that guides leave and liberty. Per the latest OPORD, as a general rule, official travel to, military leave to, and access to installations after travelling to a red region on this map is not allowed and requires command approval as an Exception to Policy (ETP), regardless of HN rules. The map is available here: [https://doneurafcent.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/0c91d112e01d44ca827b6a880aefbba](https://doneurafcent.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/0c91d112e01d44ca827b6a880aefbba)

**Italy’s Ministry of Health Map** warns of health conditions, but generally does not govern travel as travel between Regions is generally prohibited until 6 APR. The map is available here:
PCS Travel

Italy does not currently offer ROM exceptions for immunized personnel and requires a 14-day self-isolation requirement (ROM) for arrivals from the US. You have to ROM if you arrive from the US unless you are on a certified “COVID-tested flight” as discussed below. If you PCS to the U.S., ROM requirements are set by your gaining command or state/local governments as applicable.

OFFICIAL/TDY TRAVEL

All official travel (PCS or TDY) requires an ETP so long as Naples/Campania remains Red on CNE/Region EURAFCENT Travel and Liberty Map. For countries in the USEUCOM AOR, TDY ETP approval has been delegated down and may be approved by the senior most O-6/GS-15 in your chain of command (CoC). With approved official/TDY travel to the USEUCOM AOR, follow on ROM requirements are dictated by either your immunization status, HN law, or additional NSA Naples restrictions, if applicable.

For countries in the USAFRICOM AOR, ETP approval is held at the USAFRICOM J3 level and must be routed through the first Flag in your CoC. With approved official/TDY travel to the USAFRICOM AOR, follow on ROM requirements are the same as delineated for USEUCOM.

Leave/Liberty Travel

Work closely with your CoC for all leave/liberty travel arrangements. At this time, leisure travel (leave/liberty) from or to Red areas on CNE/Region EURAFCENT Travel and Liberty Map is not allowed. If you must travel to a Red area, it requires an ETP which is granted for only THREE reasons: (1) mission essential; (2) humanitarian assistance; or (3) to avoid undue hardship.

If you are approved for leave and/or liberty travel, you will also need to consult products put out by the HN Ministry of Health of your destination country, and also your own HN country to determine reentry procedures. Upon return, ROM may be required depending on your immunization status, HN requirements, or additional NSA Naples restrictions.

HN COVID requirements and restrictions to travel between countries can be found at: [https://reopen.europa.eu/en](https://reopen.europa.eu/en)

COVID Tested Flights

Italy offers a unique opportunity for travel to/from the U.S. on a certified “COVID tested” flights. A word of caution, this is more than just a test prior to flying. For those authorized to come to Italy (currently tourism from the US is not authorized) who are immunized and travel on a COVID tested flight, ROM is not required by Italy. However, NAVEUR still requires 14 days of ROM for any non-immunized personnel arriving from outside the AOR or who traveled from or through Red (high-risk) locations on CNE/Region EURAFCENT Travel and Liberty Map. As with any international travel, various restrictions and testing requirements may change frequently, so do your research if you elect to travel back to the US.
For our civilian, contractor, and family member teammates, it is highly encouraged you follow all guidance above. If you travel against HN policy, it is done at your own risk and you incur the possibility of receiving heavy fines.

Here are some questions you may have:

Q1: I am traveling from the U.S. to Naples and I received my second dose less than 14 days ago/I have not received a vaccine, do I need to ROM and for how long?

A1: Yes, you will need to ROM for 14 days after arrival unless you have received a modified ROM waiver from your CoC and endorsed by the Installation CO (these are very rare).

Q2: It has been more than 14 days since I received my second dose, but I am traveling from the United States to Naples on a certified “COVID-Tested” flight with family members who have not received the vaccine. Do we all need to ROM?

A2: Individuals (regardless of age) who have not reached 14 days after the full series of vaccine will need to ROM for 14 days upon arrival in Naples. Immunized individuals who travel to Italy on a certified “COVID tested” flight may stay in the same accommodations, but do not need to ROM.

Q3: Travel from or through what areas will require ROM for non-immunized individuals?

A3: Any individual who has not reached an immunized status traveling from outside the European continent, or from, to, or through a Red area on CNE/Region EURAFCENT Travel and Liberty Map located at: [https://doneurafcent.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/0c91d112e01d44ca827b6a880aefbaa](https://doneurafcent.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/0c91d112e01d44ca827b6a880aefbaa)

Q4: How can I get the COVID-19 vaccine?

A4: If you are a DoD Healthcare eligible beneficiary in the NSA Naples community, contact U.S. Naval Hospital Naples by emailing usn.naples.navhospnaplesit.list.covid-team@mail.mil with your full name, DoD ID number, cell phone, and email address to be placed on the standby list.

Q5: Where can I find more information about country travel requirements?

A5: You can check destination and host nation country requirements at the following website: [https://reopen.europa.eu/en](https://reopen.europa.eu/en).

Q6: Can I travel anywhere in Italy once I’m vaccinated?

A6: At this time, Italian decrees state that there is no travel between Regions (US equivalents of states), and there are additional restrictions based on the case rates and color classification of each region. For more information about regional colors and travel within Italy, please visit: [http://www.salute.gov.it/portale/nuovocoronavirus/dettaglioContenutiNuovoCoronavirus.jsp?lingua=english&id=5367&area=nuovoCoronavirus&menu=vuoto](http://www.salute.gov.it/portale/nuovocoronavirus/dettaglioContenutiNuovoCoronavirus.jsp?lingua=english&id=5367&area=nuovoCoronavirus&menu=vuoto).

Q7: I am a NATO member, but I have children. Does I/we need to ROM after travel to a Red area on the on CNE/Region EURAFCENT Travel and Liberty Map?

A7:
- If you or your children are unimmunized and live on base, yes you need to ROM.

- If your children are unimmunized and attend a DoDEA school or require base access, yes they need to ROM.

- If your children are unimmunized and live out in town and will not need to access the base (including for DoDEA schools or childcare services – CDC/SAC), then no if they do not access the base.

Q8: If I am a civilian, contractor, or family member that is not immunized and I decide to travel to a Red area on the on [CNE/Region EURAFCENT Travel and Liberty Map](#) or back to the United States, am I required to ROM when I return?

A8:

- Please do not violate host nation law. At this time, Italian decrees state that there is no travel between Regions (US equivalents of states) within Italy other than for work, necessity, or health.
- If you or your children are unimmunized and live on base, yes you need to ROM.
- If your children are unimmunized, then yes you need to ROM.

We understand this is a confusing time and that things are changing rapidly. I would like to thank all of you in our community for your patience and flexibility. There’s a light at the end of the tunnel, Team Naples. Stay vigilant, stay the course, and we will get there together.

Very respectfully,

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