

For questions regarding your particular circumstances, schedule a legal assistance appointment by calling the 31st FW Legal Office at DSN: 632-7843 or Comm: 0434 30-7843.

ITALIAN LAW

WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE SOFA AND ITALIAN LAW? Under the NATO Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA), US military members and their dependents are required to respect host nation law. In our case, Italy is the host nation.

WHO ISSUES THE DPCM? A DPCM is a legally binding decree made by the Prime Minister, in association with his cabinet. Occasionally, the cabinet itself may decide to enact a legally binding decree, known as a Law Decree.

WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATING THE DPCM? Under Italian law, civilians and military members who violate the DPCM risk civil fines up to €1000 per person per offense. Depending on the misconduct, Italian prosecutors may initiate criminal proceedings. Military members may also face adverse actions under the UCMJ.

WHO DECIDES WHAT COLOR OUR REGION IS? The Italian Minister of Health reviews each regions' color on a weekly basis. Following his review the Health Minister will designate each region a color based on the COVID situation there.

VACCINES

ONCE WE HAVE COMPLETED BOTH DOSES OF THE VACCINE, ARE THERE ANY RESTRICTIONS ON LAMINATING THE CARD? There are no CDC restrictions on laminating your card. However, do not laminate your card until after you have completed the full vaccination regimen.

FAMILY VISITS

AM I A LEGAL RESIDENT ("LONG-TERM RESIDENT/THIRD COUNTRY NATIONAL") OF ITALY ? No. Under the SOFA, military members, dependents of military members, civilian personnel, and the dependents of civilian personnel do not fall within the category of "legal resident" or "long term resident."

CAN MY PARENTS VISIT AS PERSONS WITH WHOM I HAVE A PROVEN AND STABLE EMOTIONAL RELATIONSHIP? No. This provision is directed at EU citizens. It is intended for unmarried couples and fiancées.

CAN MY FAMILY VISIT FROM THE U.S. IF THEY TAKE A COVID-FREE FLIGHT? Entry into Italy from the United States is limited to individuals who are traveling due to work, health, education, or necessity. Visits for other reasons, such as tourism, are not permitted. If you have questions about whether your family's visit might qualify under one of the permitted travel categories, contact the legal office.

MOVEMENT

CAN I HAVE A BABYSITTER? Yes, if it is a situation of necessity. Italian law requires children under the age of 14 to be supervised by an adult. If you have a situation that necessitates child care (work, health, or other basic needs), then babysitters (a friend, family member, coworker, or other trusted adult caretaker) can travel to reach the children for care. Alternatively, a parent or guardian can travel to a babysitter to drop off and/or pick up children. In those circumstances, necessity justifies the movement. If you have specific questions regarding your circumstances, please call the legal office so they can help you evaluate these matters on a case-by-case basis.

IF I LIVE IN THE DORMS, LIVE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF AVIANO, OR I AM ON BASE ALREADY, AM I ALLOWED TO RUN ON THE BASE TRACK? Yes. Public and private outdoor sports facilities are open. Runners must keep two meters of physical distance between themselves and non-cohabitants.

CAN I TAKE MY CHILDREN TO A PARK SO THEY CAN PLAY ON THE EQUIPMENT? Yes. Your family can visit parks within your municipality and children can play with the equipment at the park. Remember to keep a meter of distance from non-cohabitants.

IF I LIVE IN SEDRANO, I CAN GO TO THE SAN QUIRINO PARK WITH MY SON? Yes. You are allowed to go to parks within your municipality. Parents/guardians can accompany their children to the park.

CAN I GO HOUSE HUNTING? CAN A NON-COHABITANT COME ALONG? Yes, you are allowed to go house hunting, including if it is in another municipality. If you go with a real estate agent, be prepared to use disposable masks and gloves in addition to maintaining the interpersonal distance of at least one meter. If you are joined by a non-cohabitant, you must also maintain the interpersonal distance of one meter and wear a face covering. If non-cohabitants drive together, only the driver can be in the front of the car and everyone in the car must wear a face covering.

CAN I DROP SOMEONE OFF AT THE AIRPORT IN MILAN OR VENICE? Yes. Regardless of whether a region is red, orange, or yellow, you are permitted to travel across regional borders to pick up and/or drop off individuals who have a valid plane ticket. If possible, carry a copy of the flight itinerary to show any police who may stop you on your journey.

CAN I TRAVEL ACROSS REGIONS FOR VALID MEDICAL REFERRALS? Yes. You are permitted to cross regional borders for medical referrals and appointments, regardless of what color zone your region is in. You should take the most direct route to these appointments, stopping only out of necessity.

WOULD BUYING OR SELLING A CAR COUNT AS A NECESSITY TO ALLOW FOR TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF ONE'S MUNICIPALITY? Yes. Travel to buy, sell, service, repair, or test a car is considered a necessity.