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JOINT BASE ANDREWS, MARYLAND 20762

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL PRESENT UPON OR ASSIGNED TO JOINT BASE ANDREWS

FROM: 316 WG/CC

SUBJECT: Joint Base Andrews COVID-19 Mitigation Policy

Reference (a): Consolidated DoD COVID-19 Force Health Protection Guidance, 30 January 20 (Revision 4)

1. This COVID-19 Mitigation Policy implements the foregoing Department of Defense (DoD) guidance, Reference (a), at Joint Base Andrews. The JBA guidance is based on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) defined county COVID-19 community levels, which factor in transmission rates and hospital bed availability. Health Protection Conditions (HPCON) level determinations for COVID-19 are based on the CDC COVID-19 Community Levels of low, medium, and high community transmission, respectively.
2. According to the CDC, Prince George's County, Maryland has a COVID-19 Community Level of "LOW." In accordance with DoD policy and Reference (a), Joint Base Andrews will immediately decrease its HPCON posture to HPCON-A.
3. Joint Base Andrews masking by COVID-19 Community Level:
  - a. LOW (HPCON Alpha): Masks are not required.
  - b. MEDIUM (HPCON Bravo): Masks are not required.
  - c. HIGH (HPCON Charlie): Masks are required by all personnel (service members, federal employees, contractors, and visitors), while inside a DoD-controlled, owned, or leased facility on base.
4. Individuals may choose to wear a mask regardless of the COVID-19 Community Level.
5. The 316th Medical Group (316 MDG) and Veterinary Treatment Facilities may require more restrictive mask wear regardless of the CDC Community Level, consistent with Reference (a).
6. Commissary, Base Exchange, and Shoppette masking requirements will be set by the Defense Commissary Agency and Army and Air Force Exchange Service, respectively and will be posted at entrances.
7. Individuals exposed to someone with COVID-19 are no longer required to quarantine. Instead, they are required to mask indoors for 10 days following contact. Service members in the workplace must test at least once 5 full days following exposure.
8. All personnel must continue to self-monitor for COVID-19 signs and symptoms. JBA personnel with potential exposure should take the following precautions, at minimum:
  - a. Military members who suspect they are infected or have had close contact with a person

suspected to be infected, should inform their chain of command and Primary Care Management team IAW *DAFMAN 48-123, Medical Examinations and Standards*. The 316 MDG offers self-testing for individuals and continues to offer PCR testing to meet operational requirements. Service members should make an appointment by calling the Tricare Patient Portal or the appointment line at (888) 999-1212 to schedule a PCR test.

b. Personnel other than service members with potential exposure should notify their supervisor and abide by the rules set forth on pages 39-40 of Reference (a).

9. Active-Duty military members (to include members of a reserve component, identified under 10 U.S.C. §10101, assigned to or present upon Joint Base Andrews) not in compliance with these measures may be subject to administrative or disciplinary action. DoD civilian employees who fail to abide by these measures may also be subject to adverse employment action. Any other individuals who live or work on Joint Base Andrews, who fail to follow these measures may have their access to the installation limited or revoked.

10. For up-to-date guidance and information:

a. Department of the Air Force:

(1) Joint Base Andrews information: <https://www.jba.af.mil>.

(2) Personnel may also reference MyPers for personnel guidance related to COVID-19.

(3) Air Force COVID-19 CC's Tool Kit: <https://usaf.dps.mil/teams/COVID-19/SitePages/Home.aspx>.

b. DoD COVID-19: <https://www.defense.gov/Spotlights/Coronavirus-DODResponse/Latest-DOD-Guidance>.

c. CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>

d. State of Maryland: <https://covidlink.maryland.gov/content>

11. Commanders at all levels must continue to identify and mitigate risks associated with COVID-19 while safeguarding mission capability. Commanders may also further restrict this guidance if required to preserve mission capability. As this guidance cannot account for all situations, it must be followed both in letter and intent.

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