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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL PRESENT UPON OR ASSIGNED TO  
JOINT BASE ANDREWS

FROM: Commander, Joint Base Andrews

SUBJECT: Joint Base Andrews COVID-19 Mitigation Policy

References: (a) Consolidated DoD COVID-19 Force Health Protection Guidance, 29 Aug 22  
(Revision 3)  
(b) Joint Base Andrews Testing Guidance, 12 Oct 22

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. Joint Base Andrews masking and testing requirements by COVID-19 Community Level:
  - a. LOW (HPCON Alpha): Masks are not required, regardless of vaccination status. Testing is also not required.
  - b. MEDIUM (HPCON Bravo): Masks are not required, regardless of vaccination status. Testing is required by DoD policy (Ref a), and implemented at JBA under Reference (b).
  - c. HIGH (HPCON Charlie): Masks are required by all personnel (service members, federal employees, contractors, or visitors) regardless of vaccination status, while inside a DoD controlled, owned, or leased facility on base. Exemptions are permitted within current HPCON guidance and CDC guidelines, *e.g.*, active periods of exercise while maintaining physical distance, for brief periods when actively eating or drinking, *etc.* (Other examples of exemptions are included on page 25 to Reference a.) Testing is required by DoD policy (Ref a), and implemented at JBA under Reference (b).
3. Individuals may choose to wear a mask regardless of the COVID-19 Community Level.
4. Quarantine is not required for Service members who are close contacts and who are up-to-date with an FDA licensed or authorized COVID-19 vaccine, or a World Health Organization Emergency Use Listing COVID-19 vaccine. Service members who are not up-to-date must quarantine for 5 days. Regardless of vaccination status, close contacts must wear a mask around

others for 10 days, even if mask wearing is not otherwise required by DoD guidance, and if practical, test on day 5 following exposure.

5. The 316th Medical Group 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. 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. The 316th Medical Group offers self-testing for individuals and continues to offer PCR testing to meet operational requirements. Service members should make an appointment at <https://covidtest.sparkxcell.com> to schedule a PCR test. Service members must closely adhere to the rules set forth on page 37 of Reference (a) for specific masking after close contact.

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).

8. 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.

9. 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 (Answer ID 46624, last updated 5 Oct 22).

(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-DOD-Response/Latest-DOD-Guidance/>.

c. CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/going-out.html>.

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

10. 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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