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MacDill moves to HPCON Charlie in response to COVID-19

MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. – At the direction of the installation commander, Col. Steve Snelson, MacDill Air Force Base has moved to Health Protection Condition (HPCON) Charlie from HPCON Bravo.

“We have to take the necessary actions to ensure we protect our people and our mission,” said Col. Steve Snelson, 6th Air Refueling Wing Commander. “We are working closely with our community, state and county officials to help prevent the spread of coronavirus in our community.”

The requirements of HPCON Charlie must be followed by all base service members, Department of Defense civilians, contractor employees, family members and retirees.

The installation leadership will determine which HPCON Charlie measures will be implemented, but some of those could include:

- Continue essential missions with required manning; installation commanders will determine the essential missions and required manning in coordination with mission partners.
- Maximize telework - only conduct in-person mission essential meetings that require the fewest personnel.
- Instruct military personnel and encourage civilian employees to limit off base travel to movement to/from work, grocery, and hospital/medical needs.
- Adhere to strict hygiene (no hand-shaking, frequent hand-washing, clean common-use items)
- Implement social distancing (limit in-person meetings, socials and mass gatherings)

More information regarding closures, operating hours and services will be provided tomorrow at <https://www.macdill.af.mil/coronavirus> and on the MacDill Air Force Base Facebook page.

If you develop flu-like symptoms with fever and cough or shortness of breath and may have had contact with a person who has COVID-19 or had recent travel to areas considered high-risk, contact your health care provider or Public Health (813-244-1764) before seeking medical care to prevent possible transmission in the health care setting.