



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
6TH AIR REFUELING WING (AMC)
MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA**

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MEMORANDUM FOR INDIVIDUALS ON MACDILL AFB

FROM: 6 ARW/CC

SUBJECT: Health Protection Condition Charlie Update For MacDill AFB

Reference: (a) Secretary of Defense, "Guidance for Commanders on Risk-Based Changing of Health Protection Condition Levels During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic", 19 May 2020
(b) Department of the Air Force, "DAF Return to Work Capacity Guidelines, Version 1", 15 May 2020
(c) 6 ARW/CC, "Guidance on Use of Cloth Face Coverings on MacDill AFB", 8 April 2020

1. This letter supersedes the previous HPCON Charlie memorandum, dated 26 March 2020. On 9 March 2020, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis declared a state of emergency due to severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), commonly referred to as COVID-19. On 23 March 2020, we declared a Public Health Emergency (PHE) for MacDill AFB and on 26 March 2020 transitioned into Health Protection Condition (HPCON) Charlie to help mitigate the substantial health risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19.

2. The Secretary of the Air Force implemented HPCON Charlie for all Air Force installations to protect the health and safety of our personnel, and to posture our teams to help mitigate the risk of contracting or spreading respiratory illnesses like the flu or COVID-19. Although installations have recently been granted authority to transition to lower HPCONs in accordance with Reference (a), we remain in HPCON Charlie until we can be certain COVID-19 is no longer a substantial disease threat. I remain in close consultation with the Public Health Emergency Officer (PHEO) and his team, who will help inform my decision to safely transition to HPCON Bravo and increased work capacity pursuant to References (a) - (b). All personnel on MacDill AFB will maintain strict hygiene measures such as frequently washing and/or sanitizing hands; wiping common-use items with disinfectant; covering mouths and noses with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing; and staying home when sick. Additionally, personnel will continue to follow CDC guidelines including the wear of cloth face coverings when in public, practice social distancing (maintaining a distance of greater than 6 feet), and refrain from physical contact such as hand shaking, fist bumps, etc., both on and off base.

3. As we continue in HPCON Charlie, in-person meetings will be limited to no more than 10 people who can adhere to strict social distancing (maintaining a distance of greater than 6 feet), unless approved by me after a public health review. Pursuant to Reference (c), face coverings must still be worn at all times when social distancing cannot be maintained in the work center. Face coverings will still be mandatory inside all public areas such as the AAFES Gas

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Station Express Store, dining facility (DFAC), Base Exchange Complex, Commissary, and other public space where social distancing may not be possible.

4. If you have returned from international travel within the past 14 days or have been given a “Notice of Quarantine” memorandum signed by our PHEO, you must remain in your residence or designated lodging for the duration of the quarantine period. You are not allowed to leave your residence or yard except to receive required medical care or as approved by the PHEO. You should have no person-to-person contact with any non-quarantined individuals. If you are given a “Notice of Isolation” memorandum signed by our PHEO, due to illness or positive COVID-19 test results, you are not allowed to leave your residence except to receive required medical care. You should have no person-to-person contact with any non-isolation individuals except as approved by the PHEO.

5. Mission essential functions will be allowed as directed by your unit commander not to exceed 50 people while practicing social distancing to the greatest extent practical. Official ceremonies are authorized but should not exceed 10 people while practicing social distancing, unless an exemption is granted by me after a public health review. Personnel may continue to exercise outside on the installation as long as social distancing is maintained. At this time, personal leave and all non-official travel for all 6 ARW Service Members remains limited to the local area, defined as within 2 hours driving distance of MacDill AFB travelling at posted speed limits. Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people in circumstances that do not readily allow for social distancing. This applies to all areas which include dorms, lodging facilities, base housing, smoking areas, and FAMCAMP. Above all, stay safe and remember that your cooperation in adhering to social distancing and restriction of movement is our best defense against COVID-19.

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Commander