



**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 Transition to Bravo

References: (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
(d) Under Secretary of Defense, "Force Health Protection Guidance (Supplement 12) – Department of Defense Guidance for Personnel Traveling During Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic", 6 August 2020
(e) 6 ARW/CC, "Second Updated Restriction on Personal Leave and Non-Official Travel", 16 July 2020
(f) 6 ARW/CC, "Health Protection Condition Charlie Fourth Update For MacDill AFB," 21 August 2020 (hereby superseded)

1. This letter supersedes the previous HPCON Charlie Fourth Update memorandum, dated 21 August 2020 (Reference f). 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. Due to the sustained, lower rates of COVID-19 cases on the installation and in the local community, I approve transition to HPCON Bravo and approve the Trusted Traveler program to be re-instated immediately. I remain in close consultation with the Public Health Emergency Officer (PHEO) and his team, who will continue to inform my decisions to ensure appropriate health and safety conditions as we increase services and manning across the installation (References a - b). Mission partner commanders should prioritize manning against operational and mission essential requirements; we are prepared to support a return of up to 50% pre-COVID manning levels. As always, our focus remains on the readiness of our flying mission and providing essential support to our mission partners.

3. All personnel on MacDill AFB will maintain strict hygiene measures, follow CDC guidelines, including the wear of cloth face coverings, practice social distancing (maintaining a distance of greater than 6 feet), and refrain from unnecessary physical contact such as hand shaking, both on and off base. Face coverings must be worn at all times when social distancing cannot be maintained in the work center and are mandatory inside all public areas such as the AAFES Gas Station Express Store, dining facility (DFAC), Base Exchange Complex, Commissary, and other public spaces where social distancing may not be possible (Reference c).

4. Non-mission essential activities, including promotions and retirements may be approved by the unit commander, not to exceed 50 people, while still practicing social distancing and wearing face coverings to the maximum extent possible. I may approve an exception for larger gatherings after the PHEO conducts a public health review. Mission essential activities and meetings are at the discretion of the unit commander, but will be kept to the minimum number of people required while maximizing call-in or VTC options.
5. Quarantine and isolation procedures for servicemembers remain unchanged. With regard to international travel, all personnel should reference the “Force Health Protection Guidance Supplement 12 (Reference d). Servicemembers will make all efforts to abide by current guidelines for quarantine and isolation. 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.
6. Personal leave and all non-official travel for all 6 ARW Servicemembers remains unchanged from current published guidance (Reference e). Avoid social gatherings in circumstances that do not readily allow for social distancing, including dorms, lodging facilities, base housing, smoking areas, and FAMCAMP. Above all, stay safe and remember to do your part to follow the above guidelines to prevent flare-ups of COVID-19 that degrade our ability to defend the nation.

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Commander