



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

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS ON MACDILL AFB

FROM: 6 ARW/CC

SUBJECT: Second Update to Health Protection Condition Bravo

- References:
- (a) Secretary of the Air Force, "Department of the Air Force (DAF) Guidance for Commanders' Risk-Based Responses and Implementation of Health Protection Condition Framework during the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic," 19 May 2021
  - (b) Secretary of Defense, "Guidance for Commanders' Risk-Based Responses and Implementation of the Health Protection Condition Framework during the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic," 29 April 2021
  - (c) Under Secretary of Defense, "Force Health Protection Guidance (Supplement 18) – DoD Guidance for Protecting All Personnel in DoD Workplaces During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic," 17 March 2021
  - (d) 6 ARW/CC, "Updated Guidance for Use of Masks and Other Public Health Measures," 14 May 2021
  - (e) 6 ARW/CC, "Update to Health Protection Condition Bravo," 2 April 2021 (hereby superseded)

1. To continue minimizing spread of COVID-19, the following guidance is in effect until updated or rescinded. I remain in close consultation with the Public Health Emergency Officer (PHEO) and team, who will continue to advise installation leadership on the health and safety of our workforce in accordance with all HHQ guidance, including References a - d.

2. 6 ARW/CC, in cooperation with unit commanders and mission partner leadership teams, will prioritize in-person manning while following the workplace occupancy limitations in accordance with References a and b. References a and b are the guides to achieve mission requirements while ensuring COVID-19 mitigation strategies are in place to limit unnecessary exposure. MacDill AFB will utilize the 11 categorical exemptions included in Reference a, with any further exemptions approved by 6 ARW/CC. Specifically exempted from workplace occupancy limits tied to HPCON levels are 6 ARW subordinate units, US CENTRAL COMMAND, and US SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND Headquarters. Additional exemptions to the HPCON Bravo 50% workplace occupancy limit shall be routed through the chain of command or from the mission partners to 6 ARW/CC for approval. When making an exemption decision, 6 ARW/CC will weigh operational, readiness, and safety impacts of conducting a mission or task against the risk of allowing the spread of COVID-19 within the facility in question. 6 ARW/CC will balance the risk to mission and risk to force and continue to execute our mission while supporting our mission partners in the execution of their assigned missions as well.

**MISSION FOCUSED...VALUED AIRMEN**

a. Teleworking and virtual meetings should still be utilized, where applicable, to minimize risk of the spread of the virus and without degrading mission capabilities in accordance with References b and c.

b. Mission essential activities and meetings are at the discretion of unit commanders, but in-person attendees should be kept to the minimum necessary for mission requirements in accordance with References b and c.

c. Non-mission essential activities, including promotions and retirements, may be approved by the unit commander, not to exceed 50 people. Exceptions for larger gatherings may be granted by the first O-6 in the chain of command after consulting with Public Health.

3. While on MacDill AFB, all personnel will maintain strict hygiene measures, practice social distancing (maintaining a distance of greater than 6 feet), and wear a mask in accordance with Reference d. With regard to travel for leave and pass (liberty), all personnel will follow their respective organizations' most current policies outlining restrictions.

4. Servicemembers will 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.

5. We should all avoid social gatherings that do not readily allow for appropriate health and safety practices. Above all, stay safe and remember that your cooperation in adhering to social distancing and mask wear protocols remains our best defense against COVID-19 and future variants.

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