



**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

References: (a) 6 ARW/CC, "Health Protection Condition Bravo Plus", 19 November 2020 (hereby superseded)  
(b) Secretary of Defense, "Guidance for Commanders on Risk-Based Changing of Health Protection Condition Levels During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic", 19 May 2020  
(c) Department of the Air Force, "DAF Return to Work Capacity Guidelines, Version 1", 15 May 2020  
(d) 6 ARW/CC, "Guidance on Use of Cloth Face Coverings on MacDill AFB", 8 April 2020  
(e) Under Secretary of Defense, "Force Health Protection Guidance (Supplement 14) – Department of Defense Guidance for Personnel Traveling During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic", 29 December 2020  
(f) 6 ARW/CC, "Third Updated Restriction on Personal Leave and Non-Official Travel", 19 January 2021

1. This letter supersedes the previous HPCON Bravo Plus memo (Reference a). Due to the sustained increasing rate of COVID-19 cases in the local community and on MacDill AFB, I am elevating our HPCON level from Bravo Plus to Charlie. Installation access through the Trusted Traveler program remains unaffected at this time.

2. Team MacDill is entering a period of higher risk as the trending number of COVID-19 infections and flu-like illnesses continue to rise and available COVID-19 vaccination is still limited on base. 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 across the base (References b - c). Towards that end, unit and mission partner commanders should reevaluate mission areas to ensure maximum COVID mitigation strategies are in place, prioritize manning against essential tasks, and limit unnecessary exposure; teleworking and virtual meetings should be maximized to the greatest extent possible without degrading mission. Installation mission support services will remain open but with COVID mitigation measures. All personnel on MacDill AFB will maintain strict hygiene measures, and 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 both on and off base.

3. Every effort should be made to avoid non-mission essential group activities in the workplace. If a non-mission essential activity does occur in the workplace, it must not exceed 10 people. Mission essential functions and events may be allowed, as directed by your group/unit commander; practice

social distancing to the greatest extent practical. Unit and mission partner commanders may decide thresholds for in-person meetings with strict adherence to safety guidelines (maintaining a distance of greater than 6 feet); exception – identified personnel thresholds for 6 ARW public facilities (gym, Davis Conference Center, etc.). Face coverings must still be worn at all times when social distancing cannot be maintained in the work center (Reference d). Face coverings are mandatory inside all public areas such as the AAFES Gas Station Express Store, dining facility (DFAC), Base Exchange Complex, Commissary, and other public space where social distancing may not be possible.

4. Quarantine and isolation procedures to be followed by Servicemembers have not changed. With regard to international travel, all personnel should reference the “Force Health Protection Guidance Supplement 14 (Reference e). Servicemembers will make all effort 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.

5. Personnel may continue to exercise outside on the installation as long as social distancing is maintained. All 6 ARW personnel should be familiar with the most current policy governing personnel leave and non-official travel (Reference f). Avoid social gatherings in excess of 10 or more people 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 that your cooperation in adhering to social distancing is our best defense against COVID-19 and ensures we stay mission ready.

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