

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



1 September 2022

MEMORANDUM FOR INDIVIDUALS ON MACDILL AFB

FROM: 6 ARW/CC

SUBJECT: MacDill AFB Health Protection Condition (HPCON) Bravo and Mask Wear Policy

References: (a) 6 ARW/CC, "HPCON Charlie and Mask Wear Policy" 4 June 2022 (Hereby Rescinded)
(b) Under Secretary of Defense, "Consolidated Department of Defense Coronavirus Disease 2019 Force Health Protection Guidance – Revision 3," 29 August 2022
(c) Secretary of the Air Force, "Department of the Air Force Supplement to the Consolidated Department of Defense Coronavirus Disease 2019 Force health Protection Guidance" 23 August 2022

1. Due to the decrease of COVID-19 cases and hospital admissions in our community, the installation will change to HPCON **Bravo**, effective 01 September 2022. This letter supersedes Reference (a). To continue minimizing the spread of COVID-19, the following guidance is in effect until updated or rescinded. As set forth by Reference (b), while on MacDill AFB, all personnel including contractors and visitors will maintain strict hygiene measures and physical distancing. Mask wear is not required. However, mask wear is still required for staff and visitors in DOD Health Care Facilities including MacDill, Sabal Park, Pharmacy, and Veterinary Clinics.

2. Unit and mission partner commanders will evaluate 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 without degrading mission capabilities in accordance with References (b) and (c). MacDill AFB will utilize the 11 categorical exemptions included in Reference (c), with any further exemptions approved by 6 ARW/CC. Previously granted exemptions in Reference (a) remain in effect. Additional exemptions to the HPCON Bravo 80% workplace occupancy limit shall be routed through the chain of command or from the mission partners to 6 ARW/CC for approval [6arw.cce@us.af.mil].

3. As directed by Reference (b), all DoD personnel who are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 are required to test at least weekly. DoD personnel who telework or work remotely full-time are not subject to weekly testing, but must provide a negative result from a test performed within the prior 72 hours for entry into DoD facilities.

4. Service members will abide by current guidelines for quarantine and isolation. If you are given a "Notice of Isolation" memorandum signed by the Installation's Public Health Emergency Officer (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. All individuals should avoid social gatherings that do not readily allow for appropriate health and safety practices, whether on or off base. Our best defense to prevent severe illness and hospitalization due to COVID-19 and future variants is up-to-date vaccination (fully vaccinated and booster shot(s) when eligible), along with your cooperation in adhering to appropriate health and safety practices.

6. While not discussed in this memo, the higher headquarters policies previously referenced in (a), as references (b) & (c) remain in effect. Thank you for helping to protect our mission capabilities and our collective health.

DAM D. BINGHAM, Colonel, USAF

Commander

CHARGE THE STORM...LET'S GO!