



**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: Updated Guidance for Use of Masks and Other Public Health Measures

References: (a) Secretary of Defense Memorandum, "Use of Masks and Other Public Health Measures," 4 February 2021  
(b) Secretary of the Air Force Memorandum, "Department of the Air Force Guidance on Use of Masks," 16 February 2021  
(c) 6 ARW/CC Memorandum, "Use of Masks and Other Public Health Measures," 5 February 2021, *hereby rescinded*

1. In accordance with References (a) and (b), and except as provided below, effective immediately all individuals on MacDill AFB and all individuals performing official duties on behalf of the Department of the Air Force from any location other than the individual's home, including those who have been vaccinated, will wear masks and maintain six feet of physical distancing.
2. Per Secretary of Defense Memorandum (Reference (a)), individuals must wear masks continuously while on military installations except: (1) when an individual is alone in an office with floor-to-ceiling walls with a closed door; (2) for brief periods of time when eating and drinking while maintaining distancing in accordance with CDC guidelines and instructions from commanders and supervisors; (3) when the mask is required to be lowered briefly for identification or security purposes; and (4) when necessary to reasonably accommodate an individual with a disability.
3. In addition, the following exceptions have been approved by the Secretary of the Air Force in accordance with Reference (b): (1) when necessary to reasonably accommodate a religious belief; (2) when underlying health conditions that prohibit the wear of a face covering exist and the individual is in possession of medical documentation from a health care provider outlining such a condition and the restrictions the condition places on wear of a face covering; (3) when outdoors and proper physical distancing can be maintained; (4) when actively participating in physical fitness activities either indoors or outdoors and either proper physical distancing is maintained or additional measures are implemented to mitigate the threat of transmission; (5) when an individual is alone in a vehicle or is sharing the vehicle only with members of their household; (6) when use substantively interferes with the proper wear and use of personal protective equipment necessary for the accomplishment of one's military duties; (7) when personnel are in primary aircrew positions during critical phases of flight or emergencies, or when using flight crew oxygen equipment; and (8) when clear or unrestricted visualization of verbal communication are essential to safe and effective operations.

4. When inside the Short Fitness Center, masks will be worn during all modes of exercise except while actively utilizing cardio equipment.

5. Commanders will ensure masks worn by uniformed military members are conservative, professional, and in keeping with dignity and respect. Any cloth items worn as face coverings (i.e., neck gaiters, neck warmers, balaclavas, etc.) should be functional, clean, and should cover the mouth and nose.

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