



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
22D AIR REFUELING WING (AMC)
MCCONNELL AIR FORCE BASE KANSAS

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MEMORANDUM FOR MCCONNELL AFB

FROM: 22 ARW/CC

SUBJECT: McConnell AFB, KS (MAFB) Force Health Protection Guidance

1. This memo outlines MAFB policy regarding COVID. The following measures are mandatory for all personnel present on or assigned to MAFB including but not limited to service members, civilian employees, dependents/residents of base housing, DoD retirees, contractors, and any other persons accessing this installation.
2. **COVID Vaccine.** The vaccination mandate has been rescinded for service members. The mandate for civilians has not been rescinded but is not currently in effect due to a nationwide preliminary injunction prohibiting implementation and enforcement. Vaccinations and boosters remain the ultimate COVID mitigation measure. Individuals are strongly encouraged to stay up-to date on their vaccinations.
 - a. The terms “fully vaccinated” and “up-to-date” have different definitions. A person who is “up-to-date” on their COVID vaccination is defined as a person who has received all CDC recommended COVID vaccines, including booster dose(s) when eligible. A “fully vaccinated” person is one who has only received their primary series of COVID vaccine.
 - b. Vaccine appointments can be made at 22 MDG by calling the appointment line at (316) 759-6300. The local community schedule can be found at vaccines.gov/search. Service members who receive their vaccine from off-base may present their vaccination record card for tracking purposes to their respective immunization facility (22 MDG for 22 ARW members).
3. **Mask Wear.** Masks will be conservative and professional in appearance and keep with our culture of dignity and respect. When masks are mandated, they will be worn to cover both the mouth and nose. Masks can be worn at any time, regardless of community transmission levels.
4. **MAFB Installation COVID Mitigation.** The installation commander will assess the local area COVID data (IAW Consolidated DoD Coronavirus Disease 2019 Force Health Protection Guidance Revision 4 – 30 Jan 23) and will be the decision point for mandated mask wear. This includes on the installation and other facilities owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by the DoD for all service members, civilian employees, dependents or residents of base housing, onsite contractor employees, and visitors. Note: medical facilities (22 MDG) will follow the latest CDC guidance for mask wear in healthcare facilities.
 - a. When the COVID-19 Community Level is declared **LOW** or **MEDIUM**:
 - (1) Mask wear: Not required
 - b. When the COVID-19 Community Level is declared **HIGH**:
 - (1) Mask wear: Required for everyone when indoors
 - c. Exceptions to mask wear include:

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- (1) When necessary to reasonably accommodate a documented religious belief.
- (2) When consuming food or drink.
- (3) When the mask is required to be lowered briefly for identification or security purposes.
- (4) When underlying health conditions/disability that prohibit wear of face covering exist and the individual is in possession of medical documentation from a health care provider outlining such condition and the restriction it places on wear of face covering.
- (5) When use interferes with the proper wear and use of personal protective equipment necessary for the accomplishment of official duties.
- (6) When unrestricted vision of verbal communication are essential to safe & effective operations.
- (7) Crewmembers performing their duties when occupying a primary crew position between preflight through postflight, and during cargo operations.
- (8) When an individual is 4 years old or younger.

5. Official Travel.

a. COVID testing.

(1) Individuals deploying/PCSing to an overseas location will comply with the Foreign Clearance Guide (<https://www.fcg.pentagon.mil>) requirements for the host nation and all reporting instructions. Contact your sponsor (PCS) or Unit Deployment Manager (deployment) for guidance.

b. Restriction of Movement (ROM).

(1) If redeploying or PCSing from within the U.S., ROM will be based on the latest CDC travel guidance <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>.

(2) Department of the Air Force (DAF)-assigned transient aircrew and aircraft maintenance recovery team on commercial, military contracted, and organic military airlift are exempt from travel restrictions. Transient aircrew is defined as <72 hours exposure to a high-risk area. Any other exception must be granted by 22 ARW/CC in coordination with the McConnell COVID Cross-Functional Team (MCCFT).

c. PCS. MAFB is accountable for members until they are gained at their new Permanent Duty Station. Service members must remain in contact with their losing commands/MPFs and immediately inform them of any variation in travel. In addition to reporting PCS delays to AFPC/DP3AM, losing commands shall inform gaining commands of travel delays.

6. Leave/Unofficial Travel.

a. For 22 ARW, the Groups/Squadrons will define the local area. Leave or pass (in or outside the local area) may be approved by the first line supervisor. Commanders may be more restrictive, as desired.

b. Members assigned to AFRC/ANG organizations will evaluate the current HPCON of his or her domicile and coordinate with supervision before traveling to McConnell AFB for duty.

7. Medically Directed Quarantine/Isolation.

a. **Quarantine** is not required for members who are close contacts with someone that is COVID positive. Regardless of vaccination status, close contacts must wear a mask around others for 10 days, even if mask wearing is not otherwise required by DoD guidance. If practical, COVID test on day 6 following exposure. If symptoms develop, then the individual will contact 22 MDG at 759-6300, get

tested and isolate until test results are complete.

b. **Isolation** is required for those who are ill and/or test positive for COVID, regardless of vaccination status and subject to change due to CDC guidance. **Members must notify their chain of command if they - or one of their dependents - tests positive for COVID.** Units will contact their members in isolation to ensure they have necessary supplies until they are cleared. For return to fly status, member must see Flight Medicine. Members in isolation will follow the below guidelines:

(1) Stay home and remain isolated for 5 full days.

a. **Symptomatic:** Isolation starts the first full day after symptom onset.

b. **Asymptomatic:** Isolation starts the first full day after specimen collection for COVID test (day 0). If symptoms develop after positive test result, isolation time starts over with first full day after symptom onset.

(2) If asymptomatic or symptoms have resolved after 5 days, individuals may leave their house on day 6; continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days (days 6-10).

(3) If fever is present, stay home until fever-free for 24 hours without use of fever-reducing medication.

c. **Exceptions:** The above quarantine and isolation guidelines do not apply to 22 MDG personnel. Individuals in this setting will follow current CDC and KDHE guidance, in coordination with 22 MDG Public Health. All other quarantine and isolation deviations must have installation commander approval.

8. **Physical Fitness Activities.** Changes regarding MAFB indoor fitness facilities (gyms) will be addressed at each facility. See postings at facilities for updates on specific HPCON measures.

9. **Civilian/Contractor Personnel.**

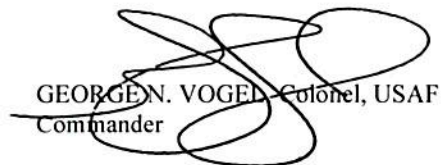
a. Commanders and supervisors may not use information about an employee's vaccination status to make decisions about how and when employees will report to a workplace instead of teleworking.

b. Leave for DoD civilian employees traveling outside the local commuting area may only be denied based on mission requirements.

c. For medically directed quarantine or isolation situations, commanders and supervisors will contact the base Civilian Personnel Flight (22 FSS/FSC), at (316) 759-4353, for further action.

10. If you or any member of your household begin to experience symptoms, CALL THE APPOINTMENT LINE (316) 759-6300. DO NOT go to work without first informing your supervisor or commander.

11. Please contact your chain of command if you have questions or need clarification.


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1 Attachment:

1. Consolidated Department of Defense Coronavirus Disease 2019 Force Health Protection Guidance
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