



**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 (15 Jul 22)

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. This policy will be consistently reviewed and adjusted as needed.

2. **COVID Vaccine.** Vaccinations remain the ultimate COVID mitigation measure, and individuals are strongly encouraged to stay up-to date on their COVID 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. Members are eligible for booster doses 5 months after completing the Pfizer/Moderna series, or 2 months after completing the Johnson & Johnson series. 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](https://vaccines.gov/search) or [sedgwickcounty.org/COVID/vaccine/clinic-locations/](https://sedgwickcounty.org/COVID/vaccine/clinic-locations/). Service members who receive their vaccine from off-base will present their vaccination record card for tracking purposes to their respective immunization facility (22 MDG for 22 ARW members).

3. **Mask Wear.** All members will have a mask on them at all times and wear it if the situation dictates. Masks will be conservative in appearance, display our shared professionalism, and keep with our culture of dignity and respect. All face coverings will cover both the mouth and nose. Individuals are allowed to wear a mask if they choose, regardless of community transmission levels.

4. **MAFB Installation COVID Mitigation.** The installation commander will assess the local area COVID data (IAW USD(P&R) updated guidance on mask and screening testing—1 Mar 22) 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**:
  - (1) Mask wear: Required for unvaccinated/not fully vaccinated individuals
  - (2) Screening testing: Not required
- b. When the COVID-19 Community Level is declared **MEDIUM**:
  - (1) Mask wear: Required for unvaccinated/not fully vaccinated individuals
  - (2) Screening testing: Required for unvaccinated/not fully vaccinated

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- c. When the COVID-19 Community Level is declared **ELEVATED**:
  - (1) Mask wear: Required for everyone except those who are **up-to-date** with COVID vaccinations
  - (2) Screening testing: Required for unvaccinated/not fully vaccinated

- d. When the COVID-19 Community Level is declared **HIGH**:
  - (1) Mask wear: Required for everyone, regardless of vaccination status
  - (2) Screening testing: Required for unvaccinated/not fully vaccinated

- e. Exceptions to mask wear include:

- (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 clear/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 conducting physical training outdoors, or outdoor activities with physical distancing.
- (9) When an individual is alone in a vehicle or is sharing the vehicle only with household members.
- (10) 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.

(2) Redeployment: Follow deployed location procedures regarding testing prior to redeployment. Upon return, all members will test 3-5 days after travel. Contact Public Health to schedule testing (316) 759-5167.

- 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) Personnel whose presence is required in the workplace may return to work during the ROM period with 22 ARW/CC approval. These members will be in "working ROM" status, duty-to-domicile. They will continue to restrict their movement and contact with the local community.

(3) 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 its Service members until they are gained at the 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. Service members will accomplish a travel coordination memo (Atch 2), to ensure route of travel awareness.

#### 6. **Leave/Unofficial Travel.**

a. For 22 ARW, the Groups/Squadrons will make determination as to how the local area is defined after considering mission requirements and applicable risk. Leave or pass (in or outside the local area) may be approved by the first line supervisor after a risk assessment is conducted (see below). Commanders may be more restrictive, as desired.

b. Before granting leave/pass travel, the approval authority will conduct a risk and health status assessment of the member requesting travel (Consolidated Department of Defense Coronavirus Disease 2019 Force Health Protection Guidance). The approval authority will reference CDC travel guidance and will pay close attention to any upcoming mission requirements the unit/member has.

#### 7. **Medically Directed Quarantine/Isolation.**

a. **Quarantine** is directed when asymptomatic individuals have come into close contact with a COVID positive person or when the CDC requires quarantine based on travel or activities. Service members that have been identified through contact tracing will comply with the below requirements based on their current vaccination status. If a member in quarantine becomes symptomatic, they will contact 22 MDG at 759-6300 and be placed in isolation.

(1) If individuals are up-to-date on their COVID vaccine OR had confirmed COVID within the last 90 days: No quarantine is required.

a. Wear a mask around others for 10 days from the date of close contact (day 0); test on day 5, if possible; if symptoms develop, isolate and get tested.

(2) Quarantine is required if individuals are not up-to-date on their COVID vaccine.

a. Stay home for 5 days and continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days (days 6-10); test on day 5; if symptoms develop, isolate and get tested.

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 for at least 5 full days.

a. **Symptomatic:** Isolation starts the first full day after symptom onset or positive test result. If tested, day 0 is the day of specimen collection.

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 or to staff/attendees of the Child and Youth Programs. Individuals in these settings 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.

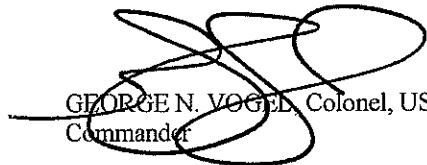
**8. Physical Fitness Activities.** Fitness Testing will be conducted outdoors, unless conditions necessitate an indoor assessment. Changes regarding MAFB indoor fitness facilities (gyms) will be addressed at each facility. See postings at the facilities for updates on total occupancy percentage, distancing requirements, mask wear, class times and attendance limits. Masks are mandatory for unvaccinated personnel while exercising indoors. Personnel who are up-to-date/fully vaccinated on their COVID vaccinations will present their ID card and proof of vaccination before exercising indoors unmasked.

**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. Contact your chain of command if you have questions or need clarification.

  
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Commander

**2 Attachments:**

- 1. Consolidated Department of Defense Coronavirus Disease 2019 Force Health Protection Guidance
- 2. McConnell AFB Weekly COVID Self-Testing for Unvaccinated Personnel Policy