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TINKER AIR FORCE BASE OKLAHOMA**

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL TINKER AFB PERSONNEL

FROM: 72 ABW/CC

SUBJECT: HPCON Level Bravo Declaration and Implementation

References: (a) SecDef Memo, "Use of Masks and Other Public Health Measures," 4 Feb 21
(b) SecDef Memo, "Update to Conditions-Based Approach to Coronavirus Disease 2019 Personnel Movement and Travel Restrictions," 15 Mar 21
(c) SecDef Memo, "Guidance for Commanders' Risk-Based Responses and Implementation of the Health Protection Condition Framework During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic," 29 Apr 21
(d) USecDef Memo, "Force Health Protection Guidance (Supplement 17) Revision 1 – Department of Defense Guidance for the Use of Masks, Personal Protective Equipment, and Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic," 22 Jun 21
(e) DepSecDef Memo, "Updated Mask Guidance for All DoD Installations and Other Facilities," 28 Jul 21

1. As of 12 Aug 21, the date of this memo, Tinker AFB, OK has been elevated to Health Protection Condition (HPCON) Bravo. This action is in direct correlation to the rise of the highly transmissible COVID-19 Delta variant, speed it transmits through a given population, and lack of available hospital bed space. For Team Tinker, my primary focus is the health, safety, and well-being of all personnel and their families so we can accomplish our wartime mission each and every day. While we have made great strides in this fight against COVID-19, we must remain dedicated, vigilant, and flexible.

2. Pursuant to reference (c) above, specifically Table 1 HPCON B section, Wing Commanders and equivalents may adjust force health protection (FHP) measures within the HPCON Bravo level based on mission and other risk considerations. This is also in accordance with page 3, paragraph 5, same memo.

3. **ALL INDIVIDUALS**, regardless of vaccination status, must continue to follow applicable CDC and DoD guidance as outlined in references (a) through (e). In accordance with reference (e), in areas of substantial or high community transmission such as Tinker AFB, DoD requires all service members, federal employees, onsite contractor employees, dependents, and visitors, regardless of vaccination status, to wear a mask in an indoor setting on installations and other facilities owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by DoD. Unvaccinated individuals are reminded to adhere to additional requirements listed in references (a) through (e), including those pertaining to wearing a mask outdoors.

4. The following mitigation measures are directed to reduce the spread of COVID-19:

- A. MASK WEAR REQUIREMENTS: Masks and/or facial coverings must fit snugly to the face to cover both the nose and mouth and conform to all current guidance from the CDC and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).
 - B. DINING: Patrons may eat in dining facilities, MWR facilities, break rooms, and workspaces with members of their same household (dorm suite mates are considered members of the same household), and/or at least six feet away from individuals from a different household.
 - C. FITNESS CENTERS: Will remain open provided all patrons wear masks IAW this policy and posted regulations and procedures.
 - D. MASS GATHERINGS: All unit commanders must obtain a risk assessment from Tinker AFB Public Health prior to holding any gathering with more than 50 individuals.
5. This order, and any other DoD force health protection guidance is the authoritative guidance when local or state guidance conflicts.
6. I am prepared to alter this HPCON level and these restrictions as conditions change, and IAW reference (c). For the most up-to-date information regarding Tinker AFB during this dynamic time, please visit Tinker AFB's COVID-19 page at <https://www.tinker.af.mil/coronavirus/>.

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