MEMORANDUM FOR ALL TINKER AFB PERSONNEL

FROM: 72 ABW/CC

SUBJECT: Installation Policy on Public/Social Gatherings During COVID-19 Pandemic

1. Effective immediately, to the extent practical, all units on Tinker AFB may resume public social gatherings using the guidance below:

   a. For indoor events (commanders calls, awards ceremonies, etc.) in large venues with rowed seating (like Tinker Auditorium), occupants will skip every other row and will ensure at least four (4) open seats between each person and/or household within a row. Face coverings will be worn for any portion of the event where people are within 6 feet of each other. Anyone accomplishing “roving microphone” duty (such as a Town Hall setting) will wear latex gloves and a face covering, and will not allow others to hold the microphone or speak into it without wearing a face covering. Food/beverages will NOT be available as self-help buffets. Dedicated servers wearing gloves and face coverings will serve food/beverages to customers. Because of the mandatory spacing required above, maximum attendance will be determined by the designed seating capacity of the venue, given the limitations listed here.

   b. Indoor events in smaller locations without permanent rowed seating (conference rooms, break rooms), must allow for CDC-recommended social distancing and wearing of face coverings, must follow all other rules of paragraph 1a above, and will limit attendance to no more than half (50%) of the permanently designed seating capacity of the room.

   c. Outdoor events may be held (Hails and Farewells, unit fitness training, etc) without limits on attendance. Without exception, such events will adhere to the CDC recommended mask use and social distanced seating between individuals or households. Food/beverage service and roving microphone rules from paragraph 1a above apply.

2. Responsibly resuming unit gatherings is essential to esprit-de-corps, unit morale and mission success. Such events are a key component to the health and well-being of our service members, civilian employees, contractors and families. This guidance aligns with White House “Opening Up America” guidance issued on 16 March 2020, and the State’s “Open Up and Recover Safely” guidance, and it will remain in effect until further notice and may be rescinded at any time. You may contact the 72 ABW Executive Staff at 734-2101 if you have any questions.

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