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TINKER AIR FORCE BASE OKLAHOMA

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL TINKER AFB PERSONNEL

FROM: 72 ABW/CC

SUBJECT: Revision to Installation COVID-19 Mitigations and Public Gatherings Policy

- Ref: (a) Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandum, Updated Mask Guidelines for Vaccinated Persons, dated 13 May 21
(b) Center for Disease Control (CDC) Guidance Documents (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html#print>)
(c) Force Health Protection Guidance (Supplement 17) – Department of Defense Guidance for the Use of Masks, Personal Protective Equipment, and Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions during the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic, dated 17 Mar 2021
(d) Secretary Of Defense Memorandum, Use of Masks and other Public Health Measures, dated 4 February 2021
(e) Secretary of the Air Force, Department of the Air Force Guidance on Use of Masks, dated 16 February 2021
(f) Installation Commander Memorandum, Installation Policy on Public/Social Gatherings During COVID-19 Pandemic, dated 1 March 2021

1. This memorandum is issued pursuant to References (a) through (e) relating to mitigation strategies to prevent the spread of COVID-19 illness. This memorandum rescinds and replaces Reference (f).

2. The Secretary of Defense calls COVID-19 “one of the deadliest threats our Nation has ever faced,” and charges all of us to “rise to this challenge,” and “do all we can to ensure the health and safety of our force, our families, and our communities so we can prevail in this fight.” Per the above References and effective immediately, all DoD personnel, dependents, contractors, retirees and guests on the installation must comply with the above References (a) through (e) as implemented by this memorandum. In cases where the DoD/MilDeps and CDC guidance conflict, the DoD/MilDep guidance will take precedence.

3. **NON-VACCINATED** individuals should continue to follow applicable CDC and DoD mask guidance as outlined in ref (b), (c), (d), and (e).

a. **MASK REQUIREMENTS:** Masks for non-vaccinated individuals must cover both the nose and mouth and conform to all current guidance from the CDC and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

b. **PHYSICAL DISTANCING:** All non-vaccinated individuals on Tinker AFB will practice physical distancing by staying at least 3 feet from other individuals (not from their household) in all indoor and outdoor spaces.

c. Items 3.a and 3.b above do not apply to mission-essential tasks where masks and/or distancing either cannot be adhered to while accomplishing the task or would present a safety hazard during task accomplishment. These exceptions will be determined by the specific mission command authority.

4. **FULLY VACCINATED** DoD personnel are no longer required to wear a mask indoors or outdoors at DoD facilities. However, commanders and supervisors may make exceptions to ref (a) as necessary to ensure a safe workforce. For Tinker AFB, the following operation/missions will be exceptions to ref (a):

a. Child Development Centers (CDCs) and Youth Center (YC) – significant impact to operations if these support missions are interrupted by the spread of COVID-19; additionally, this population is not vaccinated at this time.

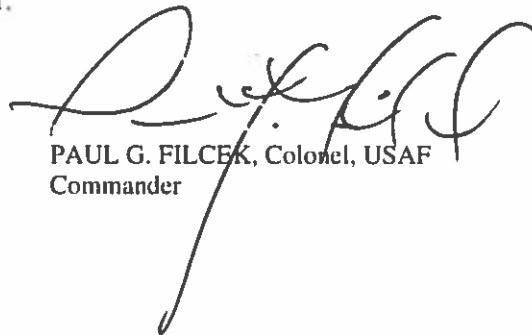
b. 72d Medical Group Facilities – guidance found in ref (a) and (b) are only applicable in non-healthcare settings.

c. Public transportation – guidance found in ref (b) states that all travelers are required to wear a mask on all planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States and in U.S. transportation hubs such as airports and stations.

5. OTHER PREVENTATIVE MEASURES: All individuals must frequently wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and refrain from touching their mask/face with unwashed hands.

6. DEFINITION of “Fully Vaccinated”: an individual is considered “fully vaccinated” when they reach 14 days after receiving the second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or 14 days after receiving the first dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

7. Note, command chains are empowered to be more restrictive than this policy where 100% mask wear is prudent to protect their members. These directives and policies will remain in effect until rescinded. Direct any questions to 72 ABW Staff Judge Advocate at (405) 739-5811.



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