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TINKER AIR FORCE BASE OKLAHOMA

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL TINKER AFB SUPERVISORS

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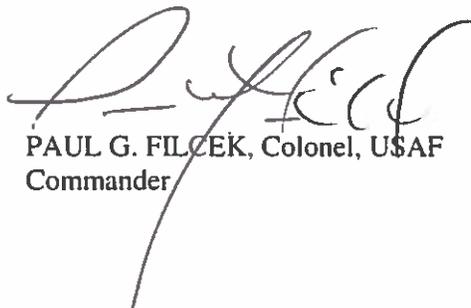
SUBJECT: Installation Policy on the Use of Face Coverings During COVID-19 Pandemic

1. As organizations engage in planning to Return to Full Capacity (RtFC), ensuring the safety and health of our workforce will continue to be a priority of this installation. Leaders are implementing various measures to mitigate risk of exposure and/or spread of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) within the workplace to include the use of face coverings. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend wearing face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain, especially in areas of significant community-based transmission. Therefore, the installation has implemented these CDC recommendations as required safety practices for all facilities located at Tinker Air Force Base.

2. Employees are encouraged to wear masks or appropriate face coverings (e.g., neck gaiters) at all times. However, all employees are required to wear one of these items when working within 6 feet of another employee, in common areas, while walking through narrow hallways, or other areas where social distancing cannot be accomplished. Organizations may place additional requirements for usage of face coverings and/or masks and will place signage at entrances of their facilities identifying these restrictions. These organizations are required to notify their employees of these additional requirements prior to implementation. Organizations where bargaining unit employees are located must also provide courtesy notification to local union leadership of these additional face covering and/or mask requirements. Employees entering into facilities that have additional requirements posted must comply with these restrictions.

3. Organizations will be required to provide each employee no fewer than 2 washable masks per employee. Employees will be responsible for washing and maintaining issued masks. As masks wear down and/or fall apart, employees will be provided replacement masks. In cases where an employee arrives to work without their assigned mask or appropriate face covering, they will see their supervisor for further direction. Additionally, employees who may experience issues with the masks provided by their organization may purchase/make their own masks or face covering. Any mask or face covering must not be offensive and must provide adequate coverage of the mouth and nose. For active duty members, masks and face coverings should be gray, white, black or another color that matches OCP uniform, with no patterns or logos. Light blue or pink medical-style masks are also authorized in uniform. Face shields are not authorized as an alternative to masks at this time.

4. Please direct any questions to Mr. Bryan Jackson, 72 FSS/FSCAL at 734-3077 or to bryan.jackson.2@us.af.mil.


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