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30 July 2021

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL JBLE PERSONNEL AND RESIDENTS, REGARDLESS OF
SERVICE COMPONENT

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Pandemic – Update of Restriction of Movement, Social Distancing,
and Face Covering Orders

1. Effective 30 July 2021, I am renewing the Restriction of Movement, Social Distancing, and Face Covering Order. In accordance with Deputy Secretary of Defense policy, dated 28 July 2021, the requirement to wear face coverings indoors on DoD installations or in facilities owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by the DoD is reinstated for **all personnel, regardless of vaccination status**. JBLE will remain in HPCON A+. The provisions pertaining to social distancing, outdoor gatherings, and events on JBLE remain unchanged. I will continually evaluate the need for these measures in light of DoD guidance, changing conditions, and CDC recommendations.

a. Adjustments to Workforce: Commanders and Directors remain authorized to resume full in-person operations while being mindful of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines for unvaccinated persons. Further guidance and consultation on mitigation, including engineering and administrative controls is available through the Langley Alternate Public Health Emergency Officer (A-PHEO), Maj Jasmine Simmons (jasmine.a.simmons12.mil@mail.mil, 757-764-6731); or the Eustis Public Health Emergency Officer (PHEO), Dr. John James, (john.f.james16.civ@mail.mil, 757-314-8031).

b. Social Distancing, Gatherings, and Events on Joint Base Langley-Eustis, including Housing:

(1) Consistent with CDC/DoD guidance, all military personnel who are not fully vaccinated¹ will continue to practice social distancing both on and off duty. Our workforce and guests on the installation must use extra caution to avoid unsafe situations/environments. Military personnel who are not fully vaccinated must maintain social distancing at all times.

(2) Indoor gatherings will not exceed 75% capacity of the space or 100 people, whichever is less. This limitation is subject to specific rules for a particular location. There is no restriction on outdoor gatherings. Commanders and Commander-equivalent mission partners should still conduct a risk assessment considering the risk-benefit ratio and mission criticality of an event prior to approving the event. Personnel who are not fully vaccinated must maintain social distancing protocols for the duration of the event. Events that involve consumption of food or beverages will be conducted in accordance with COVID mitigation strategies. The Langley/Eustis PHEO will provide recommendations pertaining to gathering/event approval and risk mitigation upon request.

¹ Per the CDC, individuals are considered “fully vaccinated” two weeks after they receive the second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccines or the single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

(3) Civilians and contractors are strongly encouraged to follow state and federal guidelines while off duty.

c. Wearing of Face Coverings by **ALL** Individuals:

(1) All individuals in indoor settings on Joint Base Langley-Eustis or in facilities owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by the DoD will wear face coverings, **regardless of vaccination status**. Exceptions are as follows:

- (a) When an individual is alone in an office with floor-to-ceiling walls with a closed door;
- (b) For brief periods of time when eating and drinking while maintaining distancing in accordance with CDC guidelines and instructions from commanders and supervisors;
- (c) When the mask is required to be lowered briefly for identification or security purposes;
- (d) When underlying health conditions that prohibit the wear of a face covering exist and the individual is in possession of medical documentation from a health care provider outlining such a condition and the restrictions the condition places on wear of a face covering;
- (e) When necessary to reasonably accommodate a religious belief. Requests for accommodation will be submitted to the Installation Commander via the requestor's chain of command;
- (f) When actively participating in physical fitness activities either indoors or outdoors and either proper physical distancing is maintained or additional measures are implemented to mitigate the threat of transmission in accordance with Fitness Center Mitigation Guidelines;
- (g) When an individual is alone in a vehicle or is sharing the vehicle only with members of their household;
- (h) When use substantively interferes with the proper wear and use of personal protective equipment necessary for accomplishment of one's military duties;
- (i) When personnel are in primary aircrew positions during critical phases of flight or emergencies or when using flight crew oxygen equipment;
- (j) When clear or unrestricted visualization of verbal communication is essential to safe and effective operation; and
- (k) In a private residence in base housing.

(2) All children aged five and older are required to wear masks as described above. Children between the ages of 2 and 5 should be encouraged to wear masks when possible. Alternatives and adaptations to mask wear for children with disabilities, to include cognitive, developmental, and sensory disorders, should be considered where feasible. These alternatives should not place others at significantly increased risk.

(3) When in doubt, individuals on installation property or performing DoD activities should wear a mask.

d. Official/Unofficial Travel: Commanders will comply with the most current Force Health Protection guidance when approving leave/TDY outside the local area and will carefully consider risk to the mission based on the specifics of the intended travel including member's vaccination status, method/mode of travel, locations traversed or visited, number of anticipated contacts, and other exposures.

2. Installation Public Health and PHEO may determine that more stringent restrictions are necessary upon the identification of a cluster of positive COVID-19 cases within the installation population. These restrictions may be targeted to specific units, geographic areas, or demographic groups, or applied to the entire installation population as necessary.

3. To the extent this directive is inconsistent with other JBLE PHE orders, the information herein prevails. In the absence of specific higher headquarters guidance or the directions outlined above, unit commanders are empowered to implement actions that balance risk to physical and mental health, risk to operations, and risk to mission sustainment. Through a balanced, measured approach we will continue to effectively combat this pandemic and preserve the long-term health of our teams and effectiveness of our operations.

4. Unless terminated or renewed by me sooner, this renewal will automatically terminate on 31 August 2021.

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Commander

Attachments:

1. DepSecDef Updated Mask Guidance for All DoD Installations, dated 28 July 2021 (1 page)
2. COVID-19 Pandemic - Update to Restriction of Movement, Social Distancing, and Face Covering Orders, dated 30 June 2021 (3 pages)



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MEMORANDUM FOR SENIOR PENTAGON LEADERSHIP
COMMANDERS OF THE COMBATANT COMMANDS
DEFENSE AGENCY AND DOD FIELD ACTIVITY DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: Updated Mask Guidance for all DoD Installations and Other Facilities

Reference: Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandum, "Updated Mask Guidelines for Vaccinated Persons," May 13, 2021

In accordance with the updated guidance released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on "Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People," issued July 27, 2021, the above reference is hereby rescinded.

Beginning July 28, 2021:

- In areas of substantial or high community transmission, DoD requires all Service members, Federal employees, onsite contractor employees, and visitors, regardless of vaccination status, to wear a mask in an indoor setting in installations and other facilities owned, leased or otherwise controlled by DoD.
- Service members, Federal employees, onsite contractor employees, and visitors who are not fully vaccinated also need to continue to physically distance consistent with applicable CDC and DoD Force Health Protection guidance.
- DoD installations, other facilities, and worksites shall, as soon as possible, post signs and post information on their websites clarifying what masking requirements apply in each installation, other facility, and worksite.
- Organizations should consult with their servicing Labor Relations Office for guidance regarding implementation for bargaining unit employees.

CDC guidance and definitions of low, moderate, substantial, and high spread can be found at: <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/pdfs/mm7030e2-H.pdf>. Data on levels of community transmission can be found at the CDC COVID Data Tracker website found at: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/>.

Personnel coming on to a DoD installation, other facility or workspace who do not have a mask may be provided one by DoD. All DoD personnel should continue to comply with CDC guidance regarding areas where masks should be worn, including within airports. The Department will review and revise all applicable Force Health Protection guidance to address the new CDC guidelines. Further guidance will be provided as appropriate by the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (USD(P&R)). In addition, the Director of Administration and Management may, as appropriate and in coordination with the USD(P&R), issue further guidance for the Pentagon Reservation.

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1. On 1 June 2021, I updated the Joint Base Langley-Eustis (JBLE) Restriction of Movement, Social Distancing, and Face Covering Orders. This document supersedes all previous orders related to the same topic.

2. Effective 30 June 2021, I am renewing the Restriction of Movement, Social Distancing, and Face Covering Order. JBLE will remain in HPCON A+¹. The provisions from the previous JBLE Restriction of Movement, Social Distancing, and Face Coverings Orders will remain unchanged:

a. Adjustments to Workforce: Commanders and Directors are authorized to resume full in-person operations while being mindful of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines for unvaccinated persons. Further guidance and consultation on mitigation, including engineering and administrative controls is available through the Langley Alternate Public Health Emergency Officer (A-PHEO), Maj Jasmine Simmons (jasmine.a.simmons12.mil@mail.mil, 757-764-6731); or the Eustis Public Health Emergency Officer (PHEO), Dr. John James, (john.f.james16.civ@mail.mil, 757-314-8031).

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(2) Previously imposed gathering size limitations are hereby lifted, unless restricted in a specific facility. Commanders and Commander-equivalent mission partners should still conduct a risk assessment considering the risk-benefit ratio and mission criticality of an event prior to approving the event. Personnel who are not fully vaccinated must maintain social distancing protocols and wear face coverings for the duration of the event. Events that involve consumption of food or beverages will be conducted in accordance with COVID mitigation strategies. The

¹ HPCON A+ acknowledges that unvaccinated individuals will continue to observe more stringent mitigation practices.

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Langley/Eustis PHEO will provide recommendations pertaining to gathering/event approval and risk mitigation upon request.

(3) Civilians and contractors are strongly encouraged to follow state and federal guidelines while off duty.

c. All personnel, **regardless of vaccination status**, will wear masks in DoD and off-base healthcare facilities, while on mass transit, in schools and the Child Development Center, or in any other facility with posted requirements.

d. Wearing of Face Coverings by Unvaccinated Individuals:

(1) All individuals who are not fully vaccinated on Joint Base Langley-Eustis, including off-base military housing, or any individual performing official duties on behalf of the Department of Defense from any location other than the individual's home will wear masks and maintain six feet of physical distancing. Exceptions are as follows:

(a) When an individual is alone in an office with floor-to-ceiling walls with a closed door;

(b) For brief periods of time when eating and drinking while maintaining distancing in accordance with CDC guidelines and instructions from commanders and supervisors;

(c) When the mask is required to be lowered briefly for identification or security purposes;

(d) When underlying health conditions that prohibit the wear of a face covering exist and the individual is in possession of medical documentation from a health care provider outlining such a condition and the restrictions the condition places on wear of a face covering;

(e) When necessary to reasonably accommodate a religious belief. Requests for accommodation will be submitted to the Installation Commander via the requestor's chain of command;

(f) When outdoors and proper physical distancing can be maintained;

(g) When actively participating in physical fitness activities either indoors or outdoors and either proper physical distancing is maintained or additional measures are implemented to mitigate the threat of transmission in accordance with Fitness Center Mitigation Guidelines;

(h) When an individual is alone in a vehicle or is sharing the vehicle only with members of their household;

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