



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 633D AIR BASE WING
JOINT BASE LANGLEY-EUSTIS VA

4 March 2022

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

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

1. Effective 4 March 2022, I am renewing the Restriction of Movement, Social Distancing, and Masks Order. **The HPCON for JBLE will change to ALPHA with Increased Measures.**

a. Adjustments to Workforce: **Commanders and Directors are authorized to resume full in person occupancy in the work place; however, telework, flexible scheduling and alternate work locations can be utilized if work spaces do not allow for appropriate ventilation/physical distancing. Medically vulnerable individuals should be prioritized for telework.** Further guidance and consultation on mitigation, including engineering and administrative controls is available through the Langley Public Health Emergency Officer (PHEO), Col Jianzhong Zhang (jianzhong.j.zhang.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, fully vaccinated individuals are not required to socially distance unless community transmission is considered high. However, individuals who are not fully vaccinated will continue to practice physical distancing on duty and highly encouraged to while off duty.

(a) To determine COVID-19 community level, use the following link:

(b) <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>.

(2) DoD Sponsored Events. In accordance with Deputy Secretary of Defense policy, dated 24 Sep 21, **DoD sponsored in-person meetings, events, and conferences (collectively “meetings”) will have NO MORE THAN 50 participants** unless the organizer obtains advance approval from the Secretary of the Military Service or delegee. The Secretary of the Air Force has delegated this authority to the Under Secretary of the Air Force. “Meetings” do not include training and exercise events conducted by the Military Departments. Any updated DoD policies will supersede this guidance.

(3) Non-DoD Sponsored Events. There are no capacity restrictions for indoor or outdoor non-DoD sponsored gatherings. It is highly encouraged that all members wear masks and physical distance six (6) feet when in larger events indoors, particularly if vaccination status is unknown.

(4) Commanders and Commander-equivalent mission partners should still conduct a risk assessment considering the risk-benefit ratio and mission criticality of any official event or social gathering, prior to approval. Events or gatherings that involve consumption of food or beverages will be conducted in accordance with COVID-19 mitigation strategies. The Langley/Eustis PHEO will provide recommendations pertaining to gathering/event approval and risk mitigation upon request.

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

c. Mask Wear/Screening:

(1) Mask wear guidance has updated as of 1 March 2022 IAW updated CDC guidance dated 25 Feb 2022, the Safer Federal Workforce Task Force memorandum dated 28 Feb 2022, and the Undersecretary of Defense memorandum “Updated Guidance for Mask and Screening Testing for all Department of Defense Installations and Other Facilities” dated 1 Mar 2022.

(2) Mask wear guidance is as follows:

- (a) Mask wear is not required when COVID-19 community transmission levels are designated as “low” or “medium” regardless of the vaccination status.
- (b) Mask wear will be required when COVID-19 community transmission levels are “high” regardless of vaccination status.
- (c) Individuals may choose to wear a mask regardless of the COVID 19 community level.
- (d) Personnel with COVID 19 symptoms, a positive test or an exposure to someone with COVID 19 should wear a mask.
- (e) Personnel who are at increased risk of severe illness or live with individuals who are higher risk (such as immunocompromised individuals) of acquiring COVID 19 infection should wear a mask.
- (f) Commanders and supervisors can mandate a more restrictive mask wear policy for additional health and safety in the workplace.
- (g) In addition, agencies do not need to utilize the screening testing program when the COVID-19 community level is low as defined by the CDC.
- (h) Mask wear is still required for:
 - i. Staff members, parents, guardians, and children over 2 years of age at Child Development Centers, Youth Center and Programs, regardless of vaccination status.
 - ii. All personnel within the Medical Treatment Facility and outlying medical buildings.
 - iii. All personnel traveling on DoD mass transportation (e.g., MILAIR, government vehicle).
- (i) General exceptions for those required to wear mask are as below:
 - i. When an individual is alone in an office with floor-to-ceiling walls with a closed door.
 - ii. For a brief periods of time when eating and drinking while maintaining distancing in accordance with CDC guidelines and instructions from commanders and supervisors.
 - iii. When the mask is required to be lowered briefly for identification or security purposes.

iv. When an individual's underlying health condition prohibits mask wear, provided the individual possess medical documentation from a health care provider outlining such as condition and the restrictions the condition places on mask wear.

d. Official Travel: In accordance with Deputy Secretary of Defense policy, dated 24 Sep 21, fully vaccinated individuals are not restricted from official travel, both domestic and international.

Unvaccinated persons or those who decline to provide information about their vaccination status are limited to mission-critical official travel, both domestic and international. "Mission-critical" will be determined by the Secretary of the Military Service or delegee. The Secretary of the Air Force has delegated this authority to the Under Secretary of the Air Force. **Personnel with pending or approved exemptions or religious accommodations are still considered unvaccinated for purposes of official travel.** Official travel includes all government-funded travel, to include temporary duty (TDY), deployment, and permanent change of station (PCS).

e. Unofficial Travel: Commanders will comply with the most current Force Health Protection guidance when approving leave 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 policy will automatically terminate on 04 JUN 2022.

FOR THE COMMANDER

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