



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
47TH FLYING TRAINING WING (AETC)**

23 August 2021

MEMORANDUM FOR 47 FTW ALL PERSONNEL

FROM: 47 FTW/CC

SUBJECT: 47 FTW HPCON and COVID-19 Guidance Update

References: (a) Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandum, Updated Mask Guidance for all DoD Installations and Other Facilities, 28 July 2021
(b) Secretary of the Air Force Memorandum, "Department of the Air Force Guidance on Use of Masks", 16 February 2021
(c) Department of the Air Force Guidance for Commanders' Risk-Based Responses and Implementation of Health Protection Condition Framework during the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic, 19 May 2021

1. Laughlin AFB is in HPCON Bravo+ effective 23 August 2021, due to the increased transmission rates of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and hospitalizations within Val Verde County.

2. This memorandum is supplemental to the references (b) and (c). This guidance supersedes and/or reemphasizes all previous mask wear orders. On behalf of the Installation Commander for Laughlin AFB, and in accordance with reference (a), all personnel, regardless of vaccination status, are required to wear a mask while indoors on the installation.

a. The following are categorical exceptions for mask wear and are applicable to all individuals, regardless of vaccination status:

1. A person speaking to an audience in an official capacity provided the speaker maintains 6 feet of physical distancing from the audience.
2. An individual alone in a four-walled office with the door open or closed.
3. Children ages 2-5 years under care in the Child Development Center.

3. In accordance with reference (b), regardless of vaccination status, individuals may remove their mask when actively participating in physical fitness activities indoors, and ensure either proper physical distancing is maintained or additional measures are implemented to mitigate the threat of COVID-19 transmission. Masks must still be worn when entering and exiting physical fitness facilities, when members transition in between individual workout areas, and when members exit workout areas for restroom use or to hydrate.

4. Personnel who are not fully vaccinated must continue to follow DoD mask guidance and previous orders regarding mask wear, testing and physical distancing (6 feet) on and off base. Unvaccinated military members will wear masks off the installation while indoors in public areas. Unvaccinated civilians and dependents are highly encouraged to also wear masks while off the installation while indoors in public areas.

5. All personnel must continue to comply with current CDC guidance regarding areas where masks should be worn and must comply with any other federal law, state law, or local rules and regulations, including business and workplace guidance.
6. Fully vaccinated members with exposure to someone with COVID-19 will be tested within 3-5 days after exposure, and will wear a mask in public setting (off and on the installation) for 14 days or until they receive a negative test result. Unvaccinated members with exposure to someone with COVID-19 will quarantine for 14 days, or with unit commander approval after 10 days with a negative COVID-19 test.
7. In-person official gatherings held inside Anderson Hall and Club XL are limited to 75% of occupancy limitations. All other indoor facilities are not restricted in size, but unit commanders will assess risk associated with gatherings over 50 people to mitigate possible transmission. At no point will any facility exceed 100% of occupancy. Outdoor events are not limited, but individuals should maintain 6-foot social distancing to the maximum extent possible and commanders will assess risk and use their best judgment to mitigate transmission.
8. Visitors will be limited in critical mission execution facilities (Fire Department, Control Tower, Radar Approach Control, others defined by Group Commanders) with unit commanders being the waiver authority.
9. Consistent with DoD guidance, commanders and supervisors should not ask about a civilian employee's vaccination status or use information about a employee's vaccination status to make decisions about how and when employees will report to a workplace instead of teleworking.
10. Unit commanders are responsible for ensuring unit members adhere to this guidance, and maintain discretion on workplace occupancy and telework options.
11. We must continue to increase cleaning measure and mitigate risk when needed. We are counting on you to continue to use your best judgment to fulfill your personal responsibility of protecting each other. Vaccines are available at the 47th Medical Group and I encourage all of Team XL to make sure you, your family, and your teammates are protected from this deadly virus.
12. For questions or concerns with this memorandum contact Lt Col Andrew Vail, DSN 732-4716 or via email at andrew.vail@us.af.mil

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