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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON PERSONNEL

FROM: JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON INSTALLATION COMMANDER

SUBJECT: JBER COVID-19 Installation Policy Memorandum

References: (a) Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Memorandum, "Consolidated Department of Defense Coronavirus Disease 2019 Force Health Protection Guidance," 30 Jan 23  
(b) "Update COVID-19 Restrictions for 673 ABW Child and Youth Programs," 26 Aug 22  
(c) "JBER Additional Exceptions to Mask Wear Requirement," 14 May, 21

1. This memorandum applies to personnel who live, work, and recreate on JBER as well as visitors to the installation. It supersedes JBER Installation Commander Memorandum, "JBER COVID-19 Installation Policy Memorandum," 22 May 22. This memorandum summarizes guidance contained in reference (a). ***The policy and procedures outlined in this memorandum are subject to change with more restrictive measures and without notice based on evolving virus epidemiology, local conditions, and HHQ guidance.*** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Community Level can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov>.

2. COVID-19 remains a potential threat to JBER's readiness and installation mission execution. We continue to monitor federal, Department of Defense, and HHQ guidance to keep our posture, protection, and policy up to date, effective, and nested. As the State and Municipality continue to review and update their mitigation measures, we will continue to synchronize our installation activities; however, there will be situations where we maintain greater restrictions than local government measures.

3. JBER's priorities remain 1) the health and safety of *our* military and civilian personnel and their families; 2) safeguarding and preserving our national security capabilities; and 3) supporting our local community and the state of Alaska's response to the pandemic. Our focus is to maintain mission and medical readiness for the installation. The intent of this memo is to adjust current installation guidance to suppress wider spread and transmission of the virus within the on- and off-base communities. The installation health and safety guidelines are updated as detailed here.

4. **Screening Testing:** Based on consolidated guidance from the Undersecretary of Defense (reference a), COVID-19 screening testing of asymptomatic personnel will not be routinely done. Screening testing for operational risk reduction will be done when needed, also IAW reference (a).

5. Protecting Personnel

a. **General Measures for Personnel.** Self-monitor health: seek immediate medical care (907-580-2778, option 1) if symptoms (cough, fever, or shortness of breath) develop. Otherwise, if you are sick, PLEASE STAY HOME and take a COVID-19 Antigen test. See Attachment 1 for

additional details. Maintain consistent personal hygiene, particularly frequent hand-sanitizing. Maintain a daily routine for sanitation, i.e., disinfect workstations and common areas.

**b. Mask Wear**

(1) Per reference (a), when COVID-19 Community Level is high in the Anchorage Municipality, maskwear indoors by all individuals on JBER is required and the installation commander will change the HPCON level to “C” no later than 2 weeks after the CDC COVID-19 Community Level has been elevated, unless the installation commander, after coordination with the installation Public Health Emergency Officer, documents, in writing, a compelling rationale to maintain the status quo. (Note: this does not include military training and exercise events.) Additionally, all people deemed close contacts or testing positive for COVID-19 will wear masks IAW reference (a). Exceptions are outlined in references (a),(b), and (c).

(2) Medical treatment facilities (MTFs) may have more strict mask wear requirements IAW Defense Health Administration (DHA) and CDC guidance based on both COVID-19 Community Level and Community Transmission Level. Signage at entrances must be followed when indoors in these facilities.

(3) Per reference (c), personnel within Anchorage School District (ASD) facilities and vehicles within the installation are exempted from DoD guidelines. However, personnel, including students, required to isolate after testing positive for COVID-19 are not permitted entry into ASD facilities on JBER until their isolation period ends. Personnel within ASD facilities and vehicles will follow ASD, municipal, state, and federal CDC safety and mitigation guidelines regarding mask wear and other appropriate public health measures.

(4) Regarding Child and Youth Centers on JBER, when mask wear is required on the installation, mask wear mandates apply to children to the maximum extent possible, though children two and younger are exempt, and children five and younger are exempt when patrons at JBER Child Development Centers, IAW reference (c). Due to their exempt status for mask wear, children two and under in Child Development Centers are required to Isolate for a full ten days IAW reference (b) if testing positive for COVID-19.

**c. Case Management and Restricting Workplace Access.**

(1) Personnel testing positive for COVID-19 will be required to isolate IAW reference (a). See Attachment 1 for more detail. Asymptomatic personnel that are deemed close contacts to someone with COVID-19 are no longer required to quarantine but must wear a mask for 10 days IAW reference (a) and as described in paragraph 5b in this memorandum. Personnel working at MTFs are subject to stricter quarantine and isolation guidance IAW DHA and CDC guidance. Contact public health for more information regarding current quarantine and isolation guidance for medical employees.

6. Events: For NAFs and Wings, approval for in-person meetings, events, and conferences is no longer required. However, for any planned in-person meetings, events, and conferences sponsored by DoD in a county or equivalent jurisdiction where the CDC COVID-19 Community Level is high or medium, the meeting organizer will require all attendees to physically distance and will limit attendance as necessary to maintain physical distance. Note: this does not include military training and exercise events.

7. Travel: For NAFs and Wings, personnel traveling to foreign countries must check the Foreign Clearance Guide and Host Nation (HN) U.S. Embassy webpage for testing, quarantine, vaccine, and mask requirements and follow Federal, State, Installation, Territory, HN, CCMD, Sub-Unified Command, and

exercise Reporting Instructions as applicable. Individuals diagnosed with COVID-19 within past 90 days should check the Foreign Clearance Guide, HN U.S. Embassy webpage, and other reporting instructions for testing exemptions. These individuals should also travel with a clearance memo from their PCM.

8. Failure to Comply: Individuals who sponsor visitors onto JBER are responsible for their guests' conduct and compliance with guidance contained in this memorandum. Failure to comply with this directive may result in loss of sponsorship privileges, suspended base access, or debarment.

9. Commanders at all levels must ensure this guidance is briefed and made available to all personnel.

10. Address questions regarding this memorandum to 673 ABW/CV at (907) 552-6738.

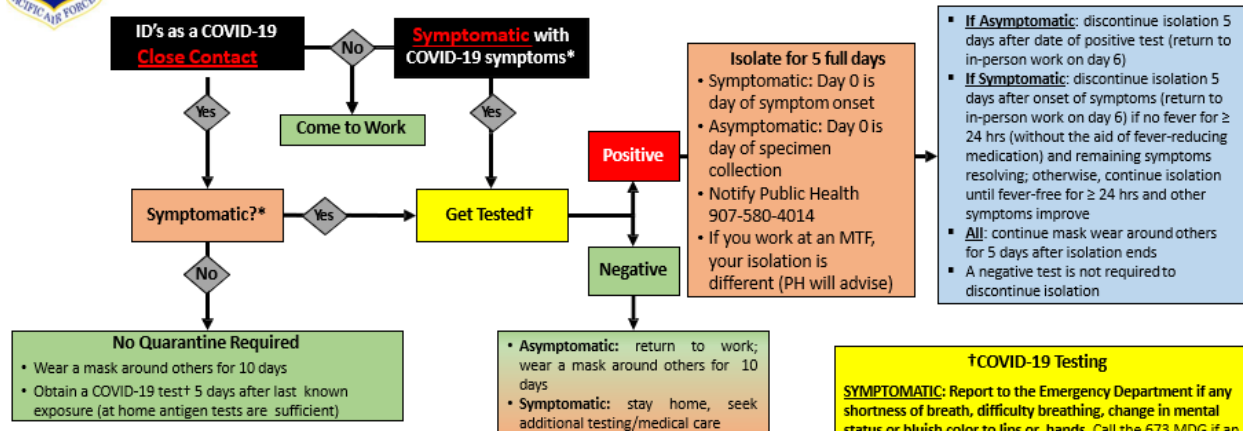
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Attachment 1: Workplace Quarantine and Isolation Guidance

## Attachment 1: Quarantine and Isolation Workplace Guidance



### PACAF COVID-19 Workplace Guidance



**\*COVID-19 Symptoms:** Fever, cough, congestion/runny nose, shortness of breath, headaches, chills, fatigue, muscle/body aches, sore throat, nausea/vomiting, new loss of taste/smell

**Following isolation, and regardless of vaccination/booster status, individuals must:**

- Wear a mask through Day 10, even if masks are not otherwise required by DoD guidance
- Self-monitor for 10 days after exposure; practice strict adherence to NPIs
- If symptoms develop, get tested† and isolate until test results are complete

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