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JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, ALASKA**

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MEMORANDRUM FOR ALL JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON PERSONNEL

FROM: JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON INSTALLATION COMMANDER

SUBJECT: Health Protection Condition (HPCON) BRAVO

- References:
- (a) DoD Instruction 6200.03, Public Health Emergency Management (PHEM) Within the DoD, 28 Mar 19
 - (b) "Health Protection Condition (HPCON) ALPHA Declaration," 14 Jun 21
 - (c) Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Memorandum, "Force Health Protection Guidance (Supplement 20) – Department of Defense Guidance for Personnel Traveling During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic," 12 Apr 21
 - (d) "Consolidated USINDOPACOM Force Health Protection Guidance," 26 Apr 21
 - (e) Secretary of Defense Memorandum, "Update to Conditions-based Approach to Coronavirus Disease 2019 Personnel Movement and Travel Restrictions", 15 Mar 21
 - (f) Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Memorandum, "Force Health Protection Guidance (Supplement 18) – Department of Defense Guidance for Protecting Personnel in Workplaces during the Response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic," 17 Mar 21
 - (g) Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandum, "Updated Mask Guidance for all DoD Installations and Other Facilities," 28 Jul 21
 - (h) JBER COVID-19 Installation Policy Memorandum, 30 Jul 21

1. Effective 1700 (AKST) on 17 September 2021, JBER will transition to Health Protection Condition (HPCON) BRAVO. My priorities remain 1) protect our military and civilian personnel and their families; 2) safeguard our national security capabilities; and 3) support the whole-of-nation response to the pandemic. While it is DoD policy to synchronize public health responses at the local level, there are situations where we maintain greater restrictions than state and local governments to provide mission assurance, protect the force, and ensure mission readiness.

2. Within the past month, Alaska has seen an all-time high in confirmed positive cases and hospitalizations of COVID-19 and as of 15 September 2021 is one of the top five states for COVID-19 transmission according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). With the shift to HPCON BRAVO, JBER personnel are encouraged to minimize movement in off base facilities that do not require the use of a mask and use appropriate social distancing in accordance with CDC recommended guidance. Additionally, personnel are encouraged to wear masks when they are off the installation.

3. Commanders must communicate this guidance to their units and their families. Commanders will ensure that the workforce continues to make decisions in line with the DoD priorities of protecting our Service Members, DoD civilian employees, and their families and safeguarding our national security capabilities. JBER personnel will continue engaging in COVID mitigation measures, such as physical distancing, mask wearing, and frequent hand washing or sanitizing.
4. Address questions regarding this memorandum to 673 ABW/CV, at 673abw.cc@us.af.mil.



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