



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING
COLUMBUS AIR FORCE BASE MISSISSIPPI**

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL COLUMBUS AFB MS PERSONNEL

FROM: 14 FTW/CC

SUBJECT: 14 FTW Coronavirus (COVID-19) Requirements

1. Since 22 March 2020, Columbus AFB has been under a declared public health emergency due to the continued threat of COVID-19. To protect the people and mission of Columbus AFB and national security, I have instituted the following COVID-19 requirements.

2. CAFB COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS:

WHO IS AFFECTED?	<p>1) All military personnel assigned to CAFB (even while on leave/pass outside the local area) and military personnel TDY at CAFB are ordered to comply with these requirements.</p> <p>Violations of these orders by military personnel may constitute a crime under Article 92, Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) and may result in administrative or disciplinary action, including but not limited to punishment under Article 15, UCMJ, or court-martial.</p> <p>2) The face mask requirements are also applicable to civilians while on CAFB.</p> <p>Violations of these requirements may result in civilian discipline (as applicable) and/or barment from CAFB</p>
LEAVE/PASS OUTSIDE LOCAL AREA This is not intended to restrict Airmen from traveling outside the local area but rather to ensure Airmen and their chain of command devise the most responsible way to do so.	Sq/CC – Per DoD policy, a squadron commander is the lowest approval authority for CONUS leave/pass outside the local area, which is defined as the area within 4 hours of CAFB.
FACILITY OCCUPANCY GUIDELINES Occupancy guidelines are meant to ensure 6-foot of distancing. Exceeding these numbers is authorized with concurrence of Public Health.	Kaye – 92 person limit Event Center/Club – 145 person limit Phillips Auditorium – 22 person limit Walker Center – 112 person limit
COVID REPORTING REQUIREMENTS	Military personnel must report through their chain of command being tested for COVID and the COVID test results as soon as possible
MASK REQUIREMENTS All individuals on CAFB and all individuals assigned to CAFB performing official duties from any location other than the individual's home, including outdoor shared spaces, will:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Wear a mask in accordance with the most current CDC guidelines.2. Follow CDC guidance and practice physical distancing, specifically by staying at least 6 feet from other people who

	are not from an individual’s household in both indoor and outdoor spaces.
<p>GENERAL EXCEPTIONS TO MASK WEAR</p> <p>*A person is considered “fully vaccinated” from COVID-19 two weeks after receiving the second dose of a two-dose series vaccine, or two weeks after receiving the single-dose vaccine. Per DoD policy, as a general matter, supervisors may NOT ask civilian employees if they have been vaccinated.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When an individual is alone in an office with floor-to-ceiling walls with a closed door; 2. For brief periods of time when eating and drinking while maintaining distancing in accordance with CDC guidelines; 3. When the mask is required to be lowered briefly for identification or security purposes; 4. When a health condition exists that prohibits mask wear and the individual has documentation from a healthcare provider explaining the condition and how mask wear negatively affects the condition; 5. When necessary to accommodate a religious belief; 6. When outdoors and proper physical distancing can be maintained; 7. When an individual is alone in a vehicle or is sharing the vehicle only with members of their household; 8. When actively participating in physical fitness activities indoors or outdoors and physical distancing is maintained or other mitigation measures are used; 9. When use substantively interferes with the proper wear and use of personal protective equipment (PPE) necessary for one’s duties; 10. When personnel are in primary aircrew positions during critical phases of flight or emergencies or when using flight crew oxygen equipment; 11. When occupational personal protective equipment is being used (e.g., PPE used by personnel on the Respiratory Protection Program, surgical masks in a healthcare setting, fire fighters wearing supplied air respirators, Airmen wearing CBRN masks, etc.); 12. When clear or unrestricted visualization of verbal communication is essential for safe and effective operations. 13. In accordance with CDC guidelines (adopted via DoD Policy, dated 4 Feb 21), personnel who are fully vaccinated* from COVID-19 do not need to wear or mask or practice physical/social distancing. Some on-base facilities may still require a mask regardless of vaccination status.
<p>DEFINITIONS</p>	<p>Masks –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. May be made of cloth; must be kept clean; and when used while in uniform must be conservative, professional, and neutral in color. 2. Morale masks may be worn on Fridays as long as they present a professional image and are representative of unit/AF heritage. 3. Must fit properly (i.e., snugly around the nose and chin with no large gaps around the sides of the face) 4. Masks recommended by the CDC include non-medical disposable masks, masks made with breathable fabric (such as cotton), masks made with tightly woven fabric (i.e., fabrics that do not let light pass through when held up to a light source), masks with two or three layers, and masks with inner filter pockets. Novelty or non-protective masks, masks with ventilation valves, or face shields are not authorized as a substitute for masks.

	14. Outdoor Shared Spaces – outdoor areas where physical distancing cannot be maintained
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4. Personal responsibility is the key to protecting the people and mission of Columbus AFB. I expect military personnel to use good judgment and consult with their chain of command when confronted with a situation not addressed by this memorandum.

5. I will periodically review these requirements and make changes as the current situation permits.



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