**KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE**

**INSTALLATION COMMANDER’S DIRECTIVE**

**ICD#: 052        DATE: 30 July 2021               TIME: 1200L**

**TASKED ORGANIZATIONS:**  All 377 ABW Personnel and Kirtland Mission Partners

**DIRECTIVE: Updated Mask Policy**

1. DoD has directed all installations to respond to the ongoing COVID-19 threat and the recent surge in COVID-19 cases and its Delta variant. Personnel in areas that have a substantial or high community transmission rate must now wear masks in an indoor setting regardless of vaccination status. The state and county transmission rates may be found at the CDC site: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>
2. Bernalillo County is currently reported as substantial community transmission rate and all Military Personnel, Federal Employees, on site contractor employees, and visitors, regardless of vaccination status, are now required to wear a mask in all indoor settings on the installation and other facilities owned, leased or otherwise controlled by DoD effective immediately.
3. When KAFB is in a substantial and high transmission category, mask wear is mandatory in indoor settings regardless of vaccinated status, this includes any common area, open floor plan, office spaces, cubicle embankments, conference rooms, and indoor shared spaces. Exceptions include:
   * 1. When alone in an office with floor to ceiling walls with a closed door
     2. For brief periods of time when eating or drinking while maintaining social distancing
     3. Housing and Dormitory rooms. However, mask wear in Dormitory hallways and indoor common areas is required
     4. When masks are required to be lowered briefly for identification or security purposes
     5. When clear or unrestricted visualization of verbal communication are essential to safe and effective operations
     6. When actively participating in a Public Affairs sponsored event such as interviews, press conferences, broadcasts, photoshoots, etc.
     7. When interferes with the proper wear and use of other personal protective equipment necessary to accomplish duties
     8. When personnel are performing aircrew duties.
     9. When necessary to reasonably accommodate an individual with a disability or underlying health condition that prohibits the wear of a face covering
     10. For all other situations outside of the office settings when temporary unmasking is necessary for mission requirement as approved by the Installation Commander. Submit exception request to the 377ABW/CV
     11. Commanders may request an exception to the mask policy when operational, readiness, or safety necessity of conducting a mission is significantly impeded. All exceptions must be approved by the installation commander. Submit exception request to the 377 ABW/CV.

1. In addition to the mask mandate for all individuals, persons who are not fully vaccinated also need to physically distance. All individuals must adhere to all Federal and HHQ guidance, and are advised to continue COVID safe practices and comply with local and state restrictions.
2. Commanders must continue to assess the risk and maximize telework wherever possible for eligible employees. Employees who self-identify as being high-risk may request a workplace accommodation. Consult with your human resources representative for further guidance regarding high-risk employees.
3. Regardless of local transmission rate and current mask policy, fully vaccinated persons who have known exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 should test 3-5 days after exposure and wear a mask on the installation when indoors and in public indoor settings for 14 days or until they receive a negative test.
   * 1. Close contact exposure is contact less than 6 feet for more than 15 minutes accumulated over a 24 hour period or having direct exposure to respiratory secretions (e.g., being coughed or sneezed on, sharing drinking glasses, utensils, etc.).
4. Unvaccinated persons with close contact of a positive COVID-19 case or persons that test positive for COVID-19 will self-isolate and contact their health provider.
5. Recommend fully vaccinated persons wear a mask regardless of transmission rate if they are in a higher risk category or if someone in their household is at increased risk of severe disease or not fully vaccinated.
6. Tasked organizations/UCCs will acknowledge receipt of this ICD by replying back to [377 ABW Crisis Action Team](mailto:377ABW.BATTLESTAFF@us.af.mil).

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

1. The following guidance remains in effect
   1. ICD 50, *Implement HPCON ALPHA*
   2. *Declaration of a Public Health Emergency 28 Jul 21*
2. The following ICD is rescinded:
   1. ICD 51, *Expand Operational Capabilities 17 Jun 21*

**Installation Commander**