



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
ARNOLD ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT COMPLEX (AFMC)
ARNOLD AIR FORCE BASE, TENNESSEE**

13 August 2021

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL AEDC PERSONNEL AND MISSION PARTNERS

FROM: AEDC/CC

SUBJECT: AAFB COVID-19 – Base Posture Regarding Coronavirus (Update 5)

- References:
- (a) AEDC/CC, Memo 19 March 2020, *AAFB COVID-19 – Social Distancing*
 - (b) AEDC/CC, Memo 22 March 2020, *AAFB COVID-19 – Determining Status of Military and Civilian Employees*
 - (c) AEDC/CC, Memo 9 April 2020, *AAFB COVID-19 – Mask Policy for Patrons of Commissary and Base Exchange*
 - (d) OSD, Memo 4 February 2021, *Use of Masks and Other Public Health Measures*
 - (e) AEDC/CC, Memo 21 May 2021, *AAFB COVID-19 - Base Posture Regarding Coronavirus (Update 4)* (rescinded)
 - (f) OSD, Memo 28 Jul 21, *Updated Mask Guidance for all DoD Installations and Other Facilities*

1. In order to protect the health and safety of personnel and ensure mission accomplishment in light of the increasing spread of COVID-19 in the areas surrounding Arnold Engineering Development Complex locations, this directive replaces Base Posture Update 4, applies to Arnold Air Force Base or any Geographically Separated Units under my command which are not controlled by an installation commander (“the installation”), and is effective **16 August 2021**.

2. All persons accessing the installation must adhere to the Arnold AFB screening process listed at <http://www.arnold.af.mil/coronavirus>. Personnel not meeting the screening criteria will be denied access to the installation. Reasons for limiting access to the installation may include close contact with person(s) who have tested positive for COVID-19, foreign travel to a Centers for Disease Control (CDC) “high” or “very high” risk destination, positive COVID-19 test, or symptoms of COVID-19.

3. All personnel seeking to enter the installation will continue to be screened at the gate or entry. Government employees who cannot access the installation because they do not meet the screening criteria must contact their supervisor and should contact a health care provider.

a. **Fully Vaccinated Personnel:**

(1) Exposure to COVID-19 Positive Individuals: Persons who come into close contact with COVID-19 positive individual(s) should follow Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidance regarding isolation, quarantine, and testing. Current CDC guidance recommends vaccinated personnel be tested 3-5 days after exposure, even if asymptomatic. Most fully

vaccinated people with no COVID-like symptoms do not need to quarantine or be restricted from work following an exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19, if they follow CDC guidance regarding testing and masking recommendations.

(2) Vaccinated and Symptomatic: Vaccinated personnel that are exhibiting symptoms listed at <http://www.arnold.af.mil/coronavirus> do not meet the entry criteria for the installation. They must follow the same entry protocol as non-vaccinated, symptomatic personnel to enter. They may enter the installation with a negative COVID-19 PCR test within 48 hours.

(3) Vaccinated positive for COVID-19: do not enter the installation until *after a period of 24 hours without fever* (without fever reducing medicine) **and 10 days** have since the COVID-19 test was administered.

b. **Non-Vaccinated personnel**: personnel denied entry because they failed the entry screening are authorized to reenter the installation if they voluntarily provide a negative COVID-19 PCR test¹ collected within 48 hours of entry. Unless a negative test is provided, personnel must meet the relevant entry criteria:

(1) Close contact with COVID-19 positive person: *after 14 days* without exhibiting any of the symptoms listed at <http://www.arnold.af.mil/coronavirus>;

(2) Traveled to an OCONUS location designated by CDC as high or very high risk: *after 14 days* without exhibiting any of the symptoms listed at <http://www.arnold.af.mil/coronavirus>;

(3) Symptoms of COVID-19: *after a period of 24 hours without fever* (without the use of fever reducing medicine) **and 10 days** have passed since the new symptoms appeared;

(4) Tested positive for COVID-19: *after a period of 24 hours without fever* (without fever reducing medicine) **and 10 days** have since the COVID-19 test was administered.

(5) Living in the same household has someone who is positive for COVID-19: only after meeting the screening procedures **and** going *14 days* without exhibiting symptoms. In cases where these personnel remain in close contact with the individual throughout the course of the illness, at least 24 days must have elapsed.

c. **Exceptions**:

(1) Persons living on Arnold AFB will not be denied access to the Arnold Village.

(2) Persons who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the preceding 90 day period and who have fully recovered or are asymptomatic are not prohibited from entering the installation under the screening procedures.

¹ Negative test presented must be a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) diagnostic test. The PCR is accomplished by swabbing the nasal cavity for fragments of virus. PCR testing provides a high level of diagnostic reliability.

(3) Persons who receive an exception to policy using the procedures outlined in the Early Reentry Decision Matrix, at <http://www.arnold.af.mil/coronavirus>. AEDC/CSD and AEDC Division Chiefs may approve installation entry for those personnel who have traveled to or live in a high risk areas under the procedures at <http://www.arnold.af.mil/coronavirus>.

(4) When defining “close contact,” an individual is not considered to be in close contact if both parties are wearing a properly fitted KN95 or equivalent respirator and no physical contact has occurred between the two, regardless of how much time the parties spent within six feet of each other.

4. As a condition of entering the installation, all personnel will continue to comply with public health directives, which can be found on the Arnold AFB Coronavirus webpage at <http://www.arnold.af.mil/coronavirus>, including:

- a. Social distancing for non-vaccinated personnel IAW DoD policy;
- b. Masking indoors IAW with DoD policy, and;
- c. Utilizing PPE as directed by any division or squadron level leader.

5. Violations of the policies and procedures set forth or referenced in this memorandum are punishable under Article 92, Uniform Code of Military Justice and Titles 10 and 18 of the United States Code. Violators are subject to fines or imprisonment and may be barred from the installation.

6. My POC for this policy is Mrs. Sarah Morgan at (931) 454-7959.

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Attachments

1. AEDC Early Reentry Screening, 13 Aug 21
2. COVID Posture Flow Chart, 13 Aug 21
3. Enhanced Screening Questionnaire, 9 Feb 21