



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

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL AEDC PERSONNEL AND MISSION PARTNERS

FROM: AEDC/CC

SUBJECT: AAFB COVID-19 – Base Posture Regarding Coronavirus (Update 4)

- References:
- (a) AEDC/CC, Memo 19 March 2020, *AAFB COVID-19 – Social Distancing*
 - (b) AEDC/CC, Memo 21 March 2020, *AAFB COVID-19 – Base Posture Regarding Coronavirus* (hereby rescinded)
 - (c) AEDC/CC, Memo 22 March 2020, *AAFB COVID-19 – Determining Status of Military and Civilian Employees*
 - (d) AEDC/CC, Memo 9 April 2020, *AAFB COVID-19 – Mask Policy for Patrons of Commissary and Base Exchange*
 - (e) AEDC/CC, Memo 3 June 2020, *AAFB COVID-19 - Base Posture Regarding Coronavirus (Update 2)* (hereby rescinded)
 - (f) SECDEF, Memo 4 February 2021, *Use of Masks and Other Public Health Measures*
 - (g) AEDC/CC, Memo 9 February 2020, *AAFB COVID-19 - Base Posture Regarding Coronavirus (Update 3)* (hereby rescinded)
 - (h) SECDEF, Memo 17 March 2021, *Force Health Protection Guidance (Supplement 18)*
 - (i) USD (P&R), Memo 13 May 21, *Updated Mask Guidance for Vaccinated Persons*

1. In order to protect the health and safety of personnel and ensure mission accomplishment in light of the COVID-19 environment, this directive replaces reference g, applies to Arnold Air Force Base or any Geographically Separated Units under my command which are not controlled by an installation commander (hereinafter, “the installation”), and is effective **22 May 2021**.

2. All persons, to include service members, dependents, civilian employees, retirees, contractors, and individuals unaffiliated with the DoD, who meet any of the following criteria will be denied access to the installation:

- a. They have come in close contact with a person(s) who have tested positive for COVID-19

within the last 14 days. “Close contact” means being within six feet of a person who has tested positive for COVID-19, whether wearing a mask or not, for a cumulative total of 15 minutes within a 24 hour period, starting two days before the person developed symptoms or, for asymptomatic individuals, two days prior to the day the COVID test was conducted;

b. They have been in one of the high risk locations identified by AEDC/CC, as listed at www.arnold.af.mil/coronavirus, *within the last 14 days*;

c. They have not tested positive for COVID-19, but began experiencing any symptom of COVID-19, as listed at www.arnold.af.mil/coronavirus, *within the last 10 days*; or

d. They have tested positive for COVID-19 *within the last 10 days* and have not been free of fever, without the use of fever reducing medications for more than 24 hours.

3. All personnel seeking to enter the installation will continue to be screened at the gate or entry point and are highly encouraged to self-screen using the above criteria prior to seeking entry. Government employees who expect to be, or are in fact, denied access to the installation as a result of the screening criteria are directed to contact their supervisor immediately. Any person who is denied access as a result of exhibiting COVID symptoms should contact their health care provider.

4. Returning to the Installation.

a. Asymptomatic, non-immunized personnel who are denied entry as a result of failing the entry screening in paragraph 2 are authorized to reenter the installation if they voluntarily provide a negative COVID-19 PCR diagnostic test derived from a specimen collected no earlier than 48 hours prior to the exception being approved.

b. Unless a negative test in accordance with subparagraph a is provided, personnel who are denied entry as a result of failing the entry screening in paragraph 2 are authorized to reenter the installation when the following conditions are met:

i. when denied entry after coming in close contact with an individual who tested positive for COVID-19, *after 14 days* without exhibiting any of the symptoms listed at www.arnold.af.mil/coronavirus;

ii. when denied entry after traveling to a high risk location, *after 14 days* without exhibiting any of the symptoms listed at www.arnold.af.mil/coronavirus;

iii. when denied entry after experiencing 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;

iv. when denied entry after testing positive for COVID-19, *after a period of 24 hours without fever* (without the use of fever reducing medicine) **and 10 days** have passed since the COVID-19 test was administered.

c. Unless a negative test in accordance with subparagraph a is provided, when living in the same household as an individual who receives a positive COVID-19 test, personnel who come in close contact with the individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 may enter the

installation only after the individual would qualify for reentry under paragraph 4,b,iv above, and then *after 14 days* without exhibiting any 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.

5. Exceptions.

a. Personnel living on Arnold AFB will not be denied access to the Arnold Village area.

b. Personnel 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 paragraph 2a (close contact with a confirmed COVID case) or 2b (travel to a high risk area).

c. Personnel who have been fully vaccinated (two weeks after receiving final dose) are not prohibited from entering the installation under paragraph 2a (close contact with a confirmed COVID case) or 2b (travel to a high risk area).

d. Using the procedures outlined in Attachment 1, I alone may approve installation entry for those personnel, not covered by paragraphs 5a-c, who are required to perform mission critical tasks, notwithstanding the fact that they have come in close contact with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 or traveled to a high risk location. These exceptions will only be approved when:

i. those personnel are required to perform the mission critical tasks, defined as tasks that if not performed would result in mission stoppage;

ii. those personnel have exhibited no symptoms consistent with COVID-19;

iii. those personnel voluntarily provide a negative COVID-19 diagnostic test following CDC's testing guidelines at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/diagnostic-testing.html>;

iv. those personnel wear a mask

v. those personnel agree to perform daily symptom monitoring (including temperature checks) and to report results of that monitoring for a full 14 days after their travel or close contact with the individual who tested positive for COVID-19, prior to entering the installation;

vi. those personnel practice hand and cough hygiene as directed by the CDC for a full 14 days after their travel or close contact with the individual who tested positive for COVID-19;

vii. those personnel do not share headsets or other objects used near the face with any person on the installation for a full 14 days after their travel close contact with the individual who tested positive for COVID-19; and

viii. those personnel thoroughly clean and disinfect their workplaces daily for a full 14 days after their travel or close contact with the individual who tested positive for COVID-19.

e. Using the procedures identified in Attachments 2 and 3, AEDC/CSD and the Arnold AFB Division Chiefs are delegated the authority to approve installation entry for those personnel, not covered by paragraphs 5a-c, who have traveled to or live in a high risk location identified by AEDC/CC, as listed at www.arnold.af.mil/coronavirus.

f. When defining “close contact” in paragraph 2.a., 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.

6. As a condition of entering any part of the installation, all personnel will continue to comply with existing and future public health directives, which can be found on the Arnold AFB Coronavirus webpage at www.arnold.af.mil/coronavirus, including:

a. if unvaccinated, maintaining at least a six-foot distance between people;

b. if unvaccinated, wearing a mask to cover their face and nose at all times, IAW with DoD policy; and

c. utilizing PPE as directed by any division or squadron level leader.

7. 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.

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

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3 Attachments:

1. AEDC Early Reentry Screening Procedures
2. AEDC High Risk Location Screening Procedures Flow Chart
3. AEDC High Risk Locations Screening Questionnaire