



**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: Base Posture Regarding COVID-19 (Update 9)

1. In order to protect the health and safety of personnel and ensure mission accomplishment with the spread of COVID-19, this Base Posture is effective **4 August 2022** rescinds Base Posture Update 8. It applies to Arnold Air Force Base and Geographically Separated Units under my command which do not have a controlling local policy. For installation access, adhere to the screening process and public health measures at <http://www.arnold.af.mil/coronavirus>. Personnel not meeting the screening criteria will be denied access. Reasons for limiting access to the installation may include meeting CDC criteria for isolation or quarantine,¹ close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, foreign travel, positive COVID-19 test, or COVID-19 symptoms.

2. **Masks and Screening**: Follow OSD and DAF guidance for required masking and screening testing.² Masking and screening testing requirements are based on CDC community level and are implemented or rescinded as soon as practicable based on community level update, regardless of HPCON. Deviations to implementation may be directed by AEDC/CC. A commander, branch chief, or equivalent may direct additional protective measures in an area under their authority (*i.e.* masking in control room). CDC community levels correspond to the following measures:³

- a. **LOW**: Masking is not required. Screening testing is not required.
- b. **MEDIUM**: Masking not required. Unless fully vaccinated, follow screening testing procedures for installation entry.
- c. **HIGH**: Masking indoors is required, with exceptions outlined by OSD guidance. Unless fully vaccinated, follow screening testing procedures for installation entry.
- d. Screening testing is required for all non-fully vaccinated personnel, or those who decline to provide vaccination status in HIGH or MEDIUM. Contractors and official visitors attest to

¹ [CDC Guidance on Quarantine and Isolation](#)

² OSD has prescribed masking guidance its [Consolidated Force Health Protection Guidance](#). Exceptions may apply, including where masking is a health and safety hazard (*e.g.* in certain industrial areas), or where there are extreme elevated temperatures. [See para. 5.3](#). Additional exceptions may be prescribed by AEDC/CC.

³ [CDC COVID-19 by County](#)

vaccination status (documented and maintained by the individual through the DD Form 3150).⁴ This policy does not affect OSD or DAF directives for screening testing associated with meetings or events.

3. **HPCON**: HPCON determinations will be informed by CDC community levels and local trend data. HPCON does not affect requirements for masking and screening testing.

4. **COVID-19 Positive, Symptomatic, or Exposed Personnel**

a. *COVID-19 Positive*: Personnel who test positive will not enter the installation for 5 calendar days from the date of the positive test. Follow the return procedures below.

b. *Symptomatic (Regardless of Vaccination Status)*: Personnel who have signs or symptoms consistent with COVID-19 (*i.e.*, fever, cough, or shortness of breath) will not enter the installation.⁵ DoD personnel must notify their supervisor and stay home. Contractor personnel report cases consistent with employer's policies. Personnel who develop any signs or symptoms consistent with COVID-19 while on the installation must immediately distance from other personnel, wear a face mask if they are not already wearing one (regardless of Community Level), notify their supervisor, and promptly leave the installation.

c. *Exposure to COVID-19 (Regardless of Vaccination Status)*:

(1) **Notification**: Personnel with close contact⁶ to a person who has a lab-confirmed, clinically diagnosed, or presumptive case will notify a supervisor.

(2) **Asymptomatic Personnel**:

i. If personnel (a) are not fully vaccinated; or (b) have not received a recommended COVID-19 booster dose when eligible: remain away from the installation for 5 calendar days.

ii. Personnel who are up-to-date with vaccination (including CDC recommended booster(s)), or have had confirmed COVID-19 within the past 90 days, may enter the installation.

iii. Regardless of vaccination status, asymptomatic personnel with potential exposure to COVID-19 based on close contact must wear a mask in the workplace for 10 calendar days

⁴ This category includes individuals with credentialed, recurring access to DoD facilities, as well as non-DoD personnel seeking access to installation facilities in association with performance of DoD business, regardless of whether they are employed by a contractor requiring vaccination. All contractor personnel and official visitors will comply with self-testing and screening procedures. Contractors are responsible for ensuring employees adhere to these requirements. Attestation and self-testing does not apply to personnel receiving ad hoc access. Examples include delivery personnel, taxi services, and personal visitors. Attestation and self-testing does not apply to access the grounds of, but not the buildings on, Arnold AFB, including groundskeepers, outdoor construction workers, and household goods transportation personnel. Vaccination attestation and self-testing does not apply to personnel accessing DoD buildings unrelated to performance of DoD business, including residential housing, MWR facilities, fitness center, commissary and exchange facilities, and Veterans Affairs and medical treatment facilities.

⁵ [Follow CDC guidance on symptoms of COVID-19.](#)

⁶ Follow [CDC guidance on "close contact."](#) It includes being less than 6 feet away from someone with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.

from the date of their last close contact (*i.e.*, day 0) with someone with COVID-19, even if mask wearing is not otherwise required by DoD or AF guidance.

d. *Returning to the Installation:* Personnel who test positive for COVID-19 will not enter the installation for 5 calendar days. Individuals may enter the installation after 5 calendar days, if either: (1) they have no symptoms; or (2) if they are no longer feverish for more than 24 hours and any remaining symptoms are resolving. Personnel returning to the installation who tested positive must wear a mask indoors if 10 calendar days has not passed since they tested positive.

5. **Foreign Travel:** Personnel with recent travel to a [CDC “Level 3” or “Level 4” health risk destination](#) follow same protocols as personnel with exposure to COVID-19.

6. **Exceptions:**

a. *Residents:* Persons living on Arnold AFB will not be denied access to the Arnold Village.

b. *Early Entry:* In cases of mission-essential activities, as determined by AEDC/CC, asymptomatic personnel with potential exposure to COVID-19 based on close contact, who otherwise would need to remain off the installation, may be granted an exception to continue to work on site provided they remain asymptomatic, do not have a positive test for COVID-19, and comply with the following key practices for 5 calendar days after the last exposure. Forward requests with background of mission impact and vaccination status through Division or Group to AEDC/CC for approval.

- (1) Obtain a COVID-19 test on calendar day 5;
- (2) Conduct daily pre-screening with temperature checks;
- (3) Wear a mask in the workplace for 10 calendar days after exposure, even if mask wearing is not otherwise required by DoD guidance;
- (4) Practice hand and cough hygiene;
- (5) Do not share headsets or other objects used near the face;
- (6) Continue to physically distance as much as possible; and
- (7) Clean and disinfect their workspaces daily.

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

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Attachments

1. References
2. COVID Posture Flow Chart, 4 Mar 22

ATTACHMENT 1

- References:
- (a) AEDC/CC, Memo 8 March 2022, *AAFB COVID-19 - Base Posture Regarding Coronavirus (Update 8)* (rescinded)
 - (b) OSD, Memo 29 June 2022, *Consolidated DoD COVID-19 Force Health Protection Guidance, Revision 1*
 - (c) DAF, Memo 22 July 2022, *Updated COVID-19 Restrictions for DAF-Sponsored In-Person Events*