



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 10)

References: (a) AEDC/CC, Memo 9 August 2022, *AAFB COVID-19 - Base Posture Regarding Coronavirus (Update 9)* (rescinded)
(b) OSD, Memo 30 January 2023, *Consolidated DoD COVID-19 Force Health Protection Guidance, Revision 4*

1. In order to protect the health and safety of personnel and ensure mission accomplishment with COVID-19, this Base Posture is effective **7 February 2023** and rescinds Base Posture 9. 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 quarantine or isolation,¹ or COVID-19 symptoms.

2. **Masks and Mitigation Measures**: Follow OSD and DAF guidance for required masking.² Masking requirements are based on CDC Community Level. 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). Screening testing is only authorized in accordance with OSD Force Health Protection guidance. There are no occupancy limitations, though distancing protocols may be required for some meetings and events. CDC Community Levels correspond to the following measures:³

- a. **LOW**: Masking is not required.
- b. **MEDIUM**: Masking is not required. Follow distancing protocols for meetings and events in accordance OSD Force Health Protection Guidance.
- c. **HIGH**: Masking indoors when around others is required, with exceptions outlined by HHQ policy or made by AEDC/CC. Follow distancing protocols in OSD guidance.

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

² Exceptions to OSD [Force Health Protection Guidance](#) may apply, including where masking is a health and safety hazard (*i.e.* certain industrial areas, extreme temperatures), or where prescribed by AEDC/CC.

³ [CDC COVID-19 Community Level by County](#)

3. **HPCON**: HPCON and measures are informed by CDC Community Levels and area trends.

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

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

b. *Symptomatic (Regardless of Vaccination Status)*: Personnel who have signs or symptoms consistent with COVID-19 will not enter DoD facilities.⁴ DoD personnel must notify their supervisor. 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. *Asymptomatic Exposure to COVID-19*: Personnel in the workplace with exposure⁵ to a person who has a lab-confirmed, clinically diagnosed, or presumptive case will notify their supervisor. Contractors follow their employer's notification policy. Wear a mask indoors on the installation for 10 calendar days from the date of their exposure (*i.e.*, day 0), even if masking is not otherwise required by guidance. Servicemembers in the workplace must test using a self-screen or laboratory test at least once after 5 calendar days following exposure.

d. *Returning to the Installation*: Personnel who test positive for COVID-19 will remain away from the installation for 5 calendar days. Individuals may enter the installation after 5 calendar days, if either: (1) they have no symptoms, or (2) they are no longer feverish for more than 24 hours with 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. **Travel**: Non-fully vaccinated personnel are eligible for official travel. No AEDC personnel will engage in official travel if they have tested positive for COVID-19. DoD personnel must report COVID-19 related issues, including exposure, that may affect their ability to be present for duty to their supervisor.

6. 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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⁴ [Follow CDC guidance on symptoms of COVID-19](#). Persons living or temporarily residing on Arnold AFB will not be denied access to the Arnold Village.

⁵ Follow CDC [guidance on exposure to COVID-19](#). Persons are considered exposed to COVID-19 if they were less than 6 feet away from an infected person for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period, unless both parties were wearing masks or respirators.