



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE
PETERSON-SCHRIEVER GARRISON

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND TENANT UNITS

FROM: P-S GAR/CC

SUBJECT: Public Health Directive #8

1. As the COVID-19 pandemic evolves, we must continue to adapt installation policies to ensure we protect base personnel and provide continued mission assurance. The Front Range has been hit hard by successive variants of COVID-19, including DELTA and OMICRON. Since 28 Jul 21, El Paso County has been designated an area of high community transmission, with case numbers in recent weeks surging to their highest recorded levels. To that end, **all Peterson-Schriever Garrison installations in Colorado are hereby moved to HPCON BRAVO PLUS (HPCON B+).**

2. The shift to HPCON B+ brings the need to impose limitations on certain group activities, sit-down dining, and changes to fitness center policies. These will be detailed individually in other publications and releases, but the following general guidance is immediately applicable:

a. The Department of Defense (DoD) continues to require an explicit waiver for any sponsored, in-person gatherings of greater than 50 participants. Regardless of their vaccination status, all servicemembers, federal employees, contractors, and visitors are required to wear masks in indoor settings in facilities owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by the DoD. For Department of the Air Force (DAF) mission partners, prior approval from the Under Secretary of the Air Force (USecAF) is required. Non-DAF mission partners will utilize their appropriate processes for waiver approval.

b. As there are several variables to consider when determining whether personnel should remain in the work centers or be allowed to telework, decisions regarding specific percentages or personnel caps will be at the discretion of mission partner commanders.

c. Limited available seating at dining facilities is authorized given the additional physical distancing measures AAFES and the respective Force Support Squadrons are making; however, use of take-out containers is highly encouraged. Dining Facilities will continue to implement mitigation measures such as wrapping individual food items, no self-serve salad bar, and limiting contact during payment and checkout.

d. Availability of fitness center service activities may be limited based upon workforce availability. Multi-person and contact sports (e.g., basketball, volleyball, etc.) are prohibited in base gyms until further notice. To accommodate increased physical distancing, a portion of the aerobic equipment will be moved onto the fitness center basketball courts.

3. On-base units and activities will continue to follow all relevant local, state, and federal public health directives regarding physical distancing, as well as the latest DoD Force Health Protection Guidance (FHPG) Supplements. These are revised periodically and maintained at <https://www.defense.gov/Explore/Spotlight/Coronavirus/Latest-DOD-Guidance/>.

4. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the DoD have recommended shortening the isolation and quarantine periods associated with COVID-19 infection and exposure. The following guidance now applies:

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a. The isolation and quarantine periods for individuals with confirmed infection or exposure to COVID-19, respectively, have been reduced to five calendar days, with day one being the day *after* the positive test result or close contact event. Following release from isolation or quarantine, individuals must continue to mask and observe strict distancing precautions for another five calendar days.

b. Vaccinated close contacts are exempt from quarantine requirements so long as one of the following applies:

- i. They have received an FDA-approved booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine;
- ii. It has been less than six months since completion of an mRNA vaccine series (Moderna or Pfizer-BioNTech/Comirnaty); or
- iii. It has been less than two months since receipt of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

c. The above guidance also applies at installation Child Development and Youth Centers. Children who have completed their vaccine series and meet the exemption criteria above may also be exempted from quarantine requirements. Those children who are unvaccinated and unable to follow appropriate masking guidance (e.g., children under six) must adhere to 10-day quarantine and isolation policies.

d. Decreasing isolation and quarantine periods confers some additional risk of infectiousness after an individual is released. Commanders may direct additional quarantine restrictions between days five and ten to manage risk to personnel and missions as required.

5. We will continue to monitor the situation and adjust this guidance as necessary. The Public Health Emergency Officer (PHEO) maintains the delegated authority to order medical quarantine and isolation pursuant to Article 84, Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). Failure to adhere to this directive, or any other lawful orders given relating to COVID-19 public health measures, may constitute a violation of Article 90, 91, or 92, UCMJ.

6. This guidance supersedes Peterson-Schriever Garrison Public Health Directive #7, dtd 19 July 2021, and its associated addenda. The previously declared Public Health Emergency remains in effect. Please contact Maj Max Dickey at maxwell.dickey.mil@mail.mil (719-322-4258), Lt Col Ian Wiechert at ian.p.wiechert.mil@mail.mil (719-556-1225), or MSgt Adam Stewart, adam.b.stewart.mil@mail.mil (719-556-1225) with questions regarding this policy.

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2 Attachments:

- 1. Under Secretary of the Air Force Memorandum, *Delegation of Authority, COVID-19 Guidance Related to Travel and Meetings*, dtd 3 Nov 2021
- 2. Under Secretary of Defense, *Force Health Protection Guidance (Supplement 15) Revision 3 - Department of Defense Guidance for Coronavirus Disease 2019 Laboratory Testing Services*, dtd 30 Dec 2021