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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Aberdeen Proving Ground Installation Mask and Screening Policy

1. References:

a. Under Secretary of Defense memorandum (Updated Mask and Screening Testing for all Department of Defense Installations and Other Facilities), 1 March 2022

b. Centers for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC), <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov>

c. Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness memorandum (Force Health Protection Guidance (Supplement 23) Revision 3 - Department of Defense Guidance for Coronavirus Disease 2019 Vaccination Attestation, Screening Testing, and Vaccination Verification), 20 December 2021

2. Effective immediately in accordance with reference (a), the following masking and screening testing guidance requirements based on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) Community Levels, reference (b), will apply to all APG and Adelphi facilities owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by DoD.

- When the CDC COVID-19 Community Level is high in the counties where APG or Adelphi are located<sup>1</sup>, indoor mask-wearing is required for all assigned personnel, and visitors, regardless of vaccination status. The screening testing program required by reference (c) shall be utilized.
- When the CDC COVID-19 Community Level is medium in the counties where APG or Adelphi are located, indoor mask-wearing is not required for personnel or visitors. The screening testing program required by reference (c) shall be utilized.
- When the CDC COVID-19 Community Level is low in the counties where APG or Adelphi are located, indoor mask-wearing is not required for personnel or visitors. The screening testing program contained in reference (c) is not required.
- Individuals may choose to wear a mask regardless of the COVID-19 Community Level.

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<sup>1</sup>APG is located in Harford County, MD. Adelphi is located in Prince George's County, MD.

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- Regardless of the CDC COVID-19 Community Level, DoD force health protection guidance for workplace access and mask wearing for DoD personnel with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 remains in effect.
  - All other force health protection guidance remains in effect, including guidance regarding workplace access, occupancy levels, physical distancing, travel, and meetings. Individuals must follow more rigorous workplace mask mandates when commanders and supervisors determine that it is required to protect health and safety in the workplace, such as mask wearing by health care workers.
3. The community risk posed by COVID-19 is determined by considering the situation in the counties where APG and Adelphi are located.
  4. When masks are required due to high Community Level, individuals must consistently wear a mask that covers the nose and mouth and that complies with all current guidance from the CDC and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.
  5. Any APG organization or unit commander may enact more restrictive mask policies to ensure health, protection, and safety of the workforce. For example, strict indoor mask wearing is required in all Military Treatment Facilities. A stricter mask policy may also be required at Child Youth and School Services (CYSS).
  6. The Senior Commander of APG retains the authority to grant categorical or case-by-case exceptions.
  7. Duration. This policy will remain in effect until rescinded or modified and supersedes the previous APG face covering policy dated 4 August 2021.
  8. The point of contact for this memorandum is Ms. Heather Hilton, CECOM Secretary of the General Staff, 443-861-6479, [usarmy.apg.cecom.mbx.amel-gs@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.apg.cecom.mbx.amel-gs@mail.mil).



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