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AMIM-BLG-ZA (10-5a1)

23 June 2021

**POLICY MEMORANDUM # 20**

**SUBJECT: Face Covering and Social Distancing Requirements – V4**

1. Purpose: provide guidance on the use of face covering and the practice of social distancing for Garrison Service Members, civilian employees (GS and NAF), contractors supporting the Garrison and customers receiving services within any Garrison facility.

2. References:

a. Memorandum, Deputy Secretary of Defense, 13 May 2021, subject: Updated Mask Guidelines for Vaccinated Persons.

b. Memorandum, HQ 1AD, 14 May 2021, subject: Seventh Amended Fort Bliss Work Safety, Live Safe Order.

c. Guidance, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 13 May 2021, subject: Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People

3. Applicability: This policy applies to all Service Members, civilians, contractors, volunteers and customers under the control of Garrison or receiving services within an installation facility.

4. Definition:

a. A fully vaccinated person is defined as a person who is not less than 14 days beyond their final COVID-19 vaccination dose.

b. A face covering is defined as a close-fitting protective face covering of cloth, or other material, including an N95 respirator, surgical mask, neck gator or similar commercial face covering.

5. Policy:

a. Fully vaccinated personnel as defined in paragraph 4.a above, who volunteer to present their vaccination card to facility managers or their designated representative, are no longer required to wear a mask indoors or outdoors, and no longer required to social distance on the installation or within installation facilities, unless an exception to this policy is clearly posted (e.g. all medical treatment facilities, etc.).

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b. All personnel not volunteering to demonstrate their vaccination status to Garrison facility managers or their designated representative are required to continue to wear and follow applicable Centers of Disease (CDC) face covering guidance and social distance.

c. In areas of vulnerable populations or nature of operations, commanders/directors at the O-6 level may authorize the continuance of 100% face coverings requirements and social distancing of all personnel without regard to vaccinations (i.e. all Medical Facilities, all MWR CYS Facilities, Central Issue Facility, Bamford DFAC, SRPC Bldg 60, Transportation Office (Household Goods) Bldg 504A).


d. All personnel are to continue to practice good hand hygiene (washing, hand sanitizer) and cleaning of personal workspaces and common use surfaces and areas.

6. This policy is punitive for Service Members under my command. Service Members failing to adhere to this policy are subject to UCMJ or adverse administrative actions. Persons not subject to the UCMJ may be subject to other adverse administrative actions.

7. Individuals subject to this policy shall know, understand, and comply with this policy's provisions, as well as applicable Fort Bliss provisions and local public health orders.

8. This policy supersedes Policy Memorandum #20, dated 11 June 2021.

9. The point of contact for this policy is the Command Group Executive Officer at (915) 568-2833.



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