



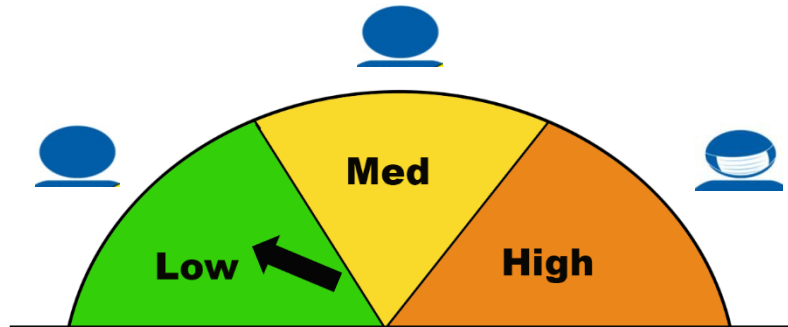
FICA COVID-19 RESPONSE FACT SHEET

(YELLOW HASH)

As of 8 April 2022

Policy Changes and Updates

COVID UPDATE: Fort Irwin remains at Health Protection Condition Alpha. Infection rate has continued to decline; Fort Irwin remains at “Low Level of Spread.” This order will remain in effect until rescinded or otherwise updated.



1. COVID Vaccination Policy:

- At HPCON Alpha, gyms, fitness centers, and all dining establishments may operate at 100% capacity.
- The COVID vaccine is available to all TriCare beneficiaries age 5 and up. All eligible personnel are encouraged to receive the vaccine.
- In accordance with the SECDEF memo dated 24 Aug 21, all Active Duty Soldiers assigned to Fort Irwin, who are not otherwise exempt, must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.
- Everyone ages 12 and older are strongly encouraged to receive a COVID Booster Shot.** Commands will report the number of Soldiers eligible and complete with booster shots to the NTC Surgeon every Friday. Individuals are eligible for the Booster 5 months after receiving the second dose of Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine 2-dose series, or 2 months after receiving the J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine.
- Soldiers and Family members may schedule their vaccination at <https://go.usa.gov/xHgSE> (Use Internet Explorer).
- Free COVID-19 at-home test kits are available at www.covidtests.gov. Each household is eligible to order four at-home test kits at no cost.

2. Mask Wear:

- All persons receiving services within MEDDAC and DENTAC facilities will continue to wear masks regardless of community transmission rates and vaccination status. Mask wear is no longer required within the Child Development Center, School Age Center, and Teen Center.**
- The installation rating remains “Low.” IAW SECDEF Memo, Subject: Updated Guidance for Mask and Screening Testing for all DoD Installations and Other Facilities, 1 March 2022, Service members, Federal employees, on-site contractor employees, residents, and visitors are not required to wear a mask while indoors in government facilities on Fort Irwin unless they have symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19.
- All Service members will continue to follow local and state guidelines for mask wear when off the installation, or in a leave/pass status.

3. Community and Social Events:

- Unit, neighborhood, religious, and social events are highly encouraged to promote community connection across Fort Irwin.
- As of 24 September 2021, DoD has restricted all meetings, events, and conferences to no more than 50 participants. This does not include exercises and mandatory training. As a result of this policy, social, community, and administrative events are limited to the 50-person cap. This policy does not apply to military classroom instruction, exercises, and field training. Units will consult their servicing judge advocate for specific guidance and interpretation. **As long as the installation rating remains at Low or Medium, requests for exceptions to this policy may be approved by the NTC CG.**

Paragraphs 1 and 2 are Punitive, and Punishable Under The UCMJ for Service Members

This Yellow Hash Message Supersedes All Other FICA General Orders and Yellow Hash Messages Concerning COVID-19