

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE 52D FIGHTER WING (USAFE)

25 September 2021

MEMORANDUM FOR 52 FW PERSONNEL

FROM: 52 FW/CC

SUBJECT: Installation Mask Wear Guidance (effective 26 Sep 2021)

References: (a) Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandum "Updated Mask Guidance for all DoD Installations and Other Facilities," July 28, 2021

(b) Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandum "Updated Mask Guidelines for

Vaccinated Persons," May 13, 2021

(c) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) "Interim Public Health Recommendations for

Fully Vaccinated People," July 27, 2021

(d) 52 FW Installation Mask Wear guidance (effective 30 August 2021),

27 August 2021 (hereby cancelled)

- 1. As COVID vaccinations increase and virus infection rates fluctuate, Spangdahlem Air Base hereby updates our mask wear policy to make it more flexible. From now on, we will update and set mask wear status online at www.spangdahlem.af.mil/coronavirus. Changes will be voiced via social media and leadership, and all updates will be in accordance with direction and/or guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Department of Defense (DoD). Previous guidance, reference (d), is cancelled. At all times, unvaccinated personnel must wear masks indoors.
- a. <u>FULLY VACCINATED PERSONNEL</u>: When low or moderate for community transmission rates, fully vaccinated personnel are not required to wear a mask. Fully vaccinated personnel will carry proof of vaccination when entering a facility without a mask. When local statistics deem higher threat, we will update the website, and ALL base personnel are required to wear masks indoors.
 - (1) Regardless of mask status, masks are still required to be worn when signs or other policy indicate.
- (2) Mask wear in the following facilities is dependent upon appropriate approval authority: DODEA facilities (schools), DECA (Commissary) and AAFES (Base Exchange) facilities. Status will be indicated by signage or other social media distribution.
- b. <u>PERSONNEL NOT FULLY VACCINATED</u> (including those with a medical exemption or religious accommodation, pursuant to DoD policy): face coverings remain mandatory on the installation while indoors. Masks may be cloth, unless otherwise specified by the facility.
- c. EXEMPTIONS: Children up to and including the age of 6 years old or younger are exempt from wearing a mask in public, unless otherwise noted. Additionally, a mask is not required to be worn inside an employee or military member's residence, assigned lodging room, or private office.
- 2. 52 FW Geographically Separated Units may modify their mask guidance in accordance with applicable local host nation requirements.
- 3. I ask for your continued diligence to help prevent the spread of this disease. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the 52 FW Front Office at DSN 452-6001.