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HEADQUARTERS 7TH BOMB WING (AFGSC)
DYESS AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS**

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MEMORANDUM FOR TEAM DYESS

FROM: 7 BW/CC
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SUBJECT: Revision of Dyess AFB COVID-19 Travel and Health Protection Order

1. In response to the operating environment and the necessity to maintain our military capability at—America’s Lift and Strike Base—we are publishing a revision of the COVID-19 Travel and Health Protection Order. Dyess AFB’s Health Protection Condition (HPCON) remains Alpha but the requirement to wear masks indoor regardless of vaccination status is reinstated.

2. The assessed ability of the Omicron variant of the SARS-COV-2 to infect those vaccinated requires modification in our posture. To decrease the chance of infection and reduce isolation impacting military capability mask wear is necessary indoors for all Service members, Federal employees, onsite contractor employees, and visitors regardless of vaccination status **effective: 27 Dec 21**. This preventive measure is prudent today, but we will reassess, monthly, with next assessment date of 15 Jan 22. Masks are required unless:

- a. An individual is alone or with members of their immediate household in their home or POV.
- b. When an individual is alone in an office with floor-to-ceiling walls with windows and doors closed.
- c. For brief periods of time when eating and drinking while maintaining distancing IAW CDC guidelines.
- d. When the mask is required to be lowered briefly for identification or security purposes.
- e. When clear or unrestricted visualization of verbal communication are essential to safe and effective operations.
- f. When necessary to reasonably accommodate an individual with a disability.
- g. When the individual is in possession of medical documentation from a health care provider outlining a health condition that prohibits protective mask wear.
- h. When necessary to reasonably accommodate a religious belief.
- i. When outdoor or when actively participating in physical fitness activities either indoors or outdoors.
- j. When use substantively interferes with the proper wear and use of personal protective equipment necessary for the accomplishment of one’s military duties.
- k. When accomplishing duty within or in vicinity of aircraft and masks impinge on safety.
- l. When a military judge or legal advisor deems it necessary in courts-martial and administrative board proceedings.

Failure to comply with the provisions in this memorandum by Regular Air Force military members, Air Force Reserve military members on active duty, and Air National Guard military members in Title 10 status is a violation of Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Those not in Title 10 status who violate the order risk revocation of access within the installation.

3. Please address questions to your leadership and command teams. We will continue to achieve our shared mission through teamwork, connectedness, and innovation from our Airmen who are all leaders. Team Dyess is... America’s Lift and Strike Base!

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