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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND JBSA TENANT UNITS

SUBJECT: JBSA COVID-19 Guidance Memorandum #55 – Commanders’ Risk-Based Responses and Implementation of the Health Protection Condition on Framework during the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic.

- References:
- (a) Executive Order 13991, "Protecting the Federal Workforce and Requiring Mask Wearing," January 20, 2021
 - (b) Office of Management and Budget Memorandum, "COVID-19 Safe Federal Workplace: Agency Model Safety Principles," January 24, 2021
 - (c) DoD Instruction 6200.03, "Public Health Emergency Management (PHEM) Within the DoD," March 28, 2019
 - (d) Secretary of Defense Memorandum, "Guidance for Commander’s Risk-Based Responses and Implementation of the Health Protection Condition Framework during the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic”, April 29, 2021
 - (e) Department of the Air Force (DAF) Guidance for Commanders’ Risk-Based Responses and Implementation of the Health Protection Condition on Framework during the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic

This memorandum is issued pursuant to References (a), (b), and (c), relating to public health measures, (d), and (e) relating to the implementation of the Department of Defense Health Protection Condition Framework.

We are committed to taking every precaution to ensure the health and well-being of our military members, civilian employees, and their families in response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID- 19) pandemic. We support, and will continue to implement, all measures necessary to mitigate risks of the spread of the disease.

Pursuant to my authority as outlined in reference (d) and (e), I have been delegated the authority to grant exemptions for workplace occupancy limits. Tenant mission owners will coordinate with me to request work place occupancy exemptions. The JBSA CAT will maintain a record of the exemptions.

We will continue to support mission partners in the execution of assigned missions. Our charge is to defend the nation, both with the execution of our duties and through our collective public health measures. 502 ABW will work with medical authorities to modify building occupancy limitations as necessary to sustain mission partner missions while protecting the force and its families.

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In accordance with references (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e) and except as provided herein, effective immediately commanders will implement and adhere to the established framework. The AF-wide categorical exemptions to HPCON-driven occupancy limitations are as follows:

1. Command and Control facilities (e.g. Base Defense Operations Centers, Maintenance Operations Centers, wing operations centers, Command Posts, etc.)
2. Critical installation security activities (e.g. guard mount facilities, armory, etc.)
3. Medical Treatment Facilities
4. Deployment and Passenger Processing Facilities
5. Maintenance facilities (e.g. depots, flightlines, logistics, supply facilities, etc.)
6. Air Traffic Control facilities (e.g. Air Traffic Control Towers, Terminal Radar Control Facilities, etc.)
7. Aircrew, missile, space and range operations facilities (e.g. planning, briefing, life support, alert facilities, etc.)
8. Formal military and civilian training (e.g. BMT, formal flying training, tech training, etc.) and education (e.g. ACSC, USAFA, etc.) programs and facilities
9. Special Compartmented Information Facilities and/or Special Access Program .Facilities
10. Child and Youth Programs and facilities (e.g. Child Development Centers, Youth Centers, etc.)
11. On-installation schools (PK-12)

The SECAF expects the commanders responsible for the facilities captured under these categorical exemptions to ensure adherence to all other public health protection measures unless separately waived. These categorical exemptions are not intended to signify a return to pre-pandemic occupancy but rather provide commanders the necessary flexibility to weigh risk to mission and risk to force, implement appropriate mitigation measures, and execute assigned missions.

We further expect all individuals possessing delegated authorities to, at a minimum, review all references listed in this delegation and remain consistent with the intent of the documents as they evaluate further exemptions. When making an exemption decision or recommendation all individuals possessing authority must weigh the operational, readiness and/or safety necessity of conducting a mission or task against the risk of allowing the spread of COVID-19 within the facility in question.

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