



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
502D AIR BASE WING  
JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO**



12 Nov 21

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND JBSA TENANT UNITS

SUBJECT: JBSA COVID-19 Guidance Memorandum #61 – Implementation of modified mask guidance

1. COVID-19 transmission rates for the JBSA community and the surrounding counties have reached appropriate levels to justify a change to the mask-wear policy for JBSA personnel, in accordance with Department of Defense guidance. The JBSA community is in the moderate range for COVID-19, and the Bexar County community has reached mild levels of transmission for COVID-19. After reviewing this data and in consultation with our Public Health Emergency Officers and our legal office, fully vaccinated personnel on JBSA are no longer required to wear masks when indoors in DoD-controlled facilities, except in the noted exemptions detailed below. Unvaccinated personnel are still required to follow all appropriate COVID-19 mitigation measures, including mask-wear and physical distancing.
2. Per guidance from the Secretary of Defense, dated 28 Jul 21, as well as supplemental Department of the Air Force guidance, JBSA will implement the new mask-wear guidance for fully vaccinated personnel effective 12 Nov 21. The change is not applicable to military medical treatment facilities, other medical facilities or on-base buses. All personnel, regardless of vaccination status, are required to wear masks in those specific environments.
3. Unit commanders may implement stricter policy if appropriate for mission needs. Service members, federal employees, onsite contractor employees, and visitors not fully vaccinated must continue to wear masks on the installation and follow applicable Centers for Disease Control and DoD Force Health Protection guidance.
4. Units should begin measures immediately to ensure smooth implementation.
5. As a reminder, vaccinations are readily available at both BAMC and Wilford Hall. For the latest vaccination info and COVID-19 updates visit [www.jbsa.mil/coronavirus/](http://www.jbsa.mil/coronavirus/). Please visit [www.JBSAToday.com](http://www.JBSAToday.com) for the latest information about morale, welfare and recreation events.

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