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EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL EDWARDS AFB AND AFP 42 PERSONNEL

FROM: 412 TW/CC

SUBJECT: Edwards AFB COVID-19 Local Area Definition & Public Health Guidance

REFERENCES: (a) U.S. President Proclamation Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak, 13 March 2020  
(b) Secretary of Defense Memorandum, *Modification and Reissuance of DoD Response to Coronavirus Disease 2019 – Travel Restrictions*, 20 April 2020  
(c) AFI 36-3003, *Military Leave Program*, 10 May 2016  
(d) Secretary of the Air Force, *Travel Restriction Delegations of Authority*, 16 March 2020

**1. Requirement and Duration of this Policy:** This memorandum rescinds and replaces my 19 March 2020 memorandum, same subject, and implements local area definitions and boundaries applicable to DoD Service members for purposes of leave and pass periods pursuant to reference (b). The definitions in this memorandum are only applicable for the duration of reference (b) and will automatically expire when reference (b) or its replacements are no longer in effect.

**2. Definition of COVID-19 Local Area:** For purposes of implementing reference (b), the region within the red boundary on the attached map is the geographic area in which Edwards AFB and Air Force Plant 42 (AFP 42) DoD Service members may utilize leave and pass periods without having a granted travel exception as defined by reference (d) or equivalent policy for non-Department of the Air Force military personnel. This region will be referred to as the “COVID-19 Local Area”. DoD Service members residing outside the COVID-19 Local Area boundaries are permitted to travel to and from their domicile(s) to duty. The COVID-19 Local Area will be updated as public health conditions change; the current version will be posted at: [www.edwards.af.mil/coronavirus](http://www.edwards.af.mil/coronavirus). All DoD Service members travelling beyond the COVID-19 Local Area boundaries for TDY, leave, or pass must route their request IAW reference (d), or equivalent, for approval. Exceptions to the COVID-19 Local Area definition are not delegable.

**3. Applicability of AFI 36-3003 “local area”:** For Edwards AFB and AFP42 Air Force military personnel, the reference (c) defined “local area” for beginning or ending leave remains as specified in reference (c), paragraph 4.1.1.7, specifically, “the place where the member lives and from which he or she commutes to the duty station.”

**4. Leave Approval Authority During National Health Emergency:** Ordinary Leave approval authority for military and Annual Leave approval authority for federal civilian employees is hereby withheld to the Squadron Commander/ Director and is not delegable. These provisions remain in effect until reference (a) expires.

5. **Enhanced Personal Hygiene and Force Health Protection Measures:** As directed by reference (b) and in order to protect the health and safety of all Edwards AFB and AFP42 personnel, I am mandating DoD Service members to fully execute all personal hygiene and health protection measures outlined by current Edwards AFB Health Protection Conditions which can be found at <https://www.edwards.af.mil/coronavirus>. Further, recommended personal protective actions from the U.S. Center for Disease Control can be found at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html>. Appropriate social/physical distancing procedures will be rigorously followed. This mandate will remain in effect for the duration of reference (a).

6. **Punitive Order:** This is a punitive order. Failure to observe the prohibitions and mandatory provisions in this memorandum by all DoD Service members while assigned to or present at Edwards AFB is a violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ.

7. **Expectations of Civilians:** Although authority does not exist to mandate these requirements for government civilians, contractors, and dependent civilians, I highly encourage voluntary adherence for the benefit of Team Edwards and our Nation. Limitations on the number of people Team Edwards members cohabitate with and co-mingle with is my expectation. Collectively we must all work to minimize COVID-19 continued spread and impact.

8. Please direct questions or feedback to 412 TW/CCE at (661) 275-4000 or via email at [412TW.CCE.Executive.Officer@us.af.mil](mailto:412TW.CCE.Executive.Officer@us.af.mil).

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Edwards AFB & AF Plant 42 “COVID-19 Local Area” map, current as of 0001PT 1 May 2020





Edwards Local Area Map – 1 May 2020

\* NOTE: Members may travel through high density urban areas but should not stop for public health reasons, e.g. Downtown Los Angeles, Orange County City Centers