



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
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EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA**

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL EDWARDS AFB AND AF PLANT 42 PERSONNEL

FROM: 412 TW/CC

SUBJECT: Edwards AFB & AF Plant 42 Counter-COVID Comprehensive Directive

References:

- (a) U.S. President Proclamation Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak, 13 March 2020.
- (b) Deputy Secretary of Defense, Updated Mask Guidelines for Vaccinated Persons, 13 May 2021
- (c) Secretary of Defense, Use of Mask and Other Public Health Measures, 4 February 2021
- (d) Secretary of the Air Force, Department of the Air Force Guidance on Use of Masks, 16 February 2021
- (e) Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel & Readiness), Force Health Protection Guidance for the Novel Coronavirus Outbreak, 30 Jan 2020, incorporating all active Supplements
- (f) AFI 10-2519, Public Health Emergencies and Incidents of Public Health Concern, 10 December 2019
- (g) DoDM 5200.08V3\_AFMAN 31-101V3, Installation Perimeter Access Control (FOUO), 21 July 2020
- (h) Edwards AFB Renewal of Declaration of Public Health Emergency, 5 April 2021

1. This memorandum rescinds and replaces the following previously issued guidance under my authority.
  - Edwards AFB & AF Plant 42 COVID-19 Comprehensive Directive, 10 March 2021
2. **Know, Respect, Beat the Threat** - These remain truly ad inexplorata moments. I remain confident we will continue to meet every challenge and ensure mission execution at The Center of the Aerospace Testing Universe. We must continue to operate within the COVID-19 environment at Edwards AFB and AF Plant 42 through agile and innovative implementation of Counter-COVID-19 (C-COVID) best practices compatible with an enduring pace of mission execution. Accordingly, I continue to expect all levels of military, civilian, and contractor leadership to know, comply, model, enforce, and iteratively contribute to this Directive.
3. **Risk Mitigation** - When determining the detailed and nuanced applicability of C-COVID guidance, DoD Service Members – with the approval of their supervisors – are required to comprehensively apply risk management principles before accepting increased risk of exposure to COVID-19. Multi-faceted, risk-based assessment and mitigation measures will be documented and retained by the member's supervisor. Members and supervisors will re-assess risk in a recursive manner, because an activity with acceptable overall risk yesterday may have unacceptable residual risk tomorrow.
4. **Non-Mission Essential Official Travel** - Approval for federally funded, non-mission essential trips will only be granted after consideration of multiple public health factors, including but not limited to: transit and travel location C-COVID protocols, latest CDC guidelines, risk factors of the individual traveler (including vaccination status), and the public health emergency status of the travel location. Examples of federally funded, non-mission essential travel include AFSA, AFA and SETP conferences. The 412 TW/CC retains final Mission Essential determination. Federally funded Mission Essential travel, e.g. mission support and PME, are not affected by this guidance.
5. **Mask Wear** - Exceptions to mask wear will be provided via ICD. Unless at HPCON Zero, personnel will carry a mask with them at all times and wear it when directed or as required. Comply with Ref (b), (c) and (d) or their replacement guidance. Facility and Mission Owners may direct masks at their discretion at locations they supervise. Vaccinations primarily protect you; masks primarily protect those around you. If personally requested, show other people you respect them and wear a mask per current CDC Guidance: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>.

6. **C-COVID Training** - As directed by Installation CAT Directive (ICD)-001 and future ICDs, C-COVID training is required for all military and civil service members assigned to Edwards AFB and AF Plant 42 unless at HPCON Zero. Completion will be documented in personnel records. Contractor personnel with a primary duty location of Edwards AFB are highly encouraged to complete the C-COVID training. All others are welcome to participate in the training. The OPR for C-COVID training is Mr. David Ross, 412 FSS, at (661) 277-1947 or [david.ross.31@us.af.mil](mailto:david.ross.31@us.af.mil).

7. **Access Requirements** - Pursuant to references (f), (g) and (h) above, the following directives remain in effect to protect the health and safety of all personnel, including visitors, retirees, and dependents, at Edwards AFB and AF Plant 42. All persons, including but not limited to: service members, dependents, retirees, civilian employees, contractors and visitors, are restricted from entering Edwards AFB or AF Plant 42 if:

- a) They are currently COVID-19 symptomatic (fever, shortness of breath, cough, et cetera); or
- b) They have been declared presumptive COVID-19 positive by a medical authority; or
- c) They have tested positive for COVID-19;
- d) Any persons not fully vaccinated, who have come in close contact with any of the following in the past 14 days: a COVID-19 symptomatic person; declared presumptive COVID-19 positive; has tested positive for COVID-19; must quarantine for 14 days from contact.
- e) Personnel may enter the installation for the purposes of medical treatment.

Edwards AFB residents will be allowed direct access from the gate to their residence to self- quarantine or self-isolate at their residence until released from isolation or quarantine by Public Health IAW CDC guidelines. All symptomatic persons meeting criteria 7.a. through 7.c. above are prohibited from entering Edwards AFB or AF Plant 42 until recovered.

Installation access and services available are HPCON dependent.

HPCON	MC	ME	ON	Retired	Visitor	
D	✓					1. Access is suspended for retirees, retiree dependents, and veterans who do not perform MC, ME, and/or ON functions on all duty days except Wednesday. There are no restrictions to retiree, retiree dependents, and veterans on all non-duty days (weekends and Holidays). 2. All visitors to Edwards AFB and AF Plant 42 require approval by the member's unit commander or equivalent. Edwards AFB resident's immediate family members with a DoD Active Duty Dependent ID Card are ME visitors. 3. ON contractors will only travel directly to and from their place of work necessary to accomplish tasks in the statement of work (SOW) or performance work statement (PWS); all other locations and stops are prohibited. Contact the Contracting Officer for more details.
C	✓	✓	✓(3)	Limited (1)	Limited (2)	
B	✓	✓	✓(3)	Limited (1)	Limited (2)	
A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
ZERO	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
<p><b>Mission Critical (MC):</b> Those activities deemed by the Installation Commander to be critical to the safe and orderly operation of the base. It also includes those activities in support of an Urgent Operational Need from a Combatant Commander</p> <p><b>Mission Essential (ME):</b> Those organizational activities that must be performed under all circumstances to achieve DoD component missions or responsibilities, as determined by the appropriate functional commander or civilian equivalent. Failure to perform or sustain these functions would significantly affect DoD's ability to pervade vital services or exercise authority, direction, and control.</p> <p><b>Operationally Necessary (ON):</b> Contract activities that, while not mission essential and do not include specific responsibilities and DFARS clauses, are activities that would cause a significant impact to the installation if an activity were halted and contract performance cannot be performed via telework. Determination of Operationally Necessary can be designated by Installation leadership and determined on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p><b>Retiree:</b> Retirees, retiree dependents, and veterans who do not work or reside on the installation.</p> <p><b>Visitor:</b> Individuals not in any other category and who do not work or reside on the installation.</p>						

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