



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
87TH AIR BASE WING (AMC)
JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NJ

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL JB MDL PERSONNEL, RESIDENTS AND PATRONS,
REGARDLESS OF SERVICE COMPONENT OR STATUS

FROM: JB MDL/CC

SUBJECT: Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst HPCON Alpha Implementation and Mask Guidance

References: (a) 29 April 2021 SECDEF Memo, *Guidance for Commanders' Risk-Based Responses and Implementation of the Health Protection Condition Framework During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic*.
(b) 19 May 2021 SECAF Memo, *DAF Guidance for Commanders' Risk-Based Responses and Implementation of the Health Protection Condition Framework during the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic*.
(c) 1 March 2022 SECDEF Memo, *Updated Guidance for Mask and Screening Testing for all Department of Defense Installations and Other Facilities*.

1. References (a) and (b) provide authority to determine Health Protection Conditions (HPCON) levels and allow for installation commanders to grant exemptions for workplace occupancy limits. For the purposes of this memo, the "workplace" is defined as Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst.
2. JB MDL continues to operate under a public health emergency. As of 2 March 2022, JB MDL has changed to HPCON "Alpha" due to improvements in the Burlington County and Ocean County CDC COVID-19 Community Levels. During HPCON A, workplace occupancy limitations are less than 100 percent of normal levels. JB MDL unit Commanders, Directors, and Agency Chiefs are authorized to allow up to 100 percent workplace occupancy to accomplish their specific mission, while also maintaining a safe work environment.
3. COVID-19 weekly screening tests for unvaccinated workforce members are not required when CDC Community Levels are low.
4. In accordance with reference (c) and installation guidance, regardless of vaccination status, DoD personnel and visitors are no longer required to wear a mask on JB MDL as long as the CDC COVID-19 Community Level is low or medium in Burlington County and Ocean County; however, there are exceptions. Mask wear is required in healthcare facilities, they are required for five days after a member returns from quarantine or isolation, and masks may be required in other circumstances where commanders or supervisors determine mask wear is appropriate for workplace health and safety.
5. The JB MDL team will continue to monitor data concerning COVID-19 case rates and vaccinations to deliberately adjust HPCON levels and measures as needed to retain combat capabilities.


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