



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
42D AIR BASE WING (AETC)
MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE ALABAMA

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND TENANT UNITS

SUBJECT: 42ABW– Guidance on Use of Masks

1. In accordance with OSD *Updated Mask Guidelines for Vaccinated Persons* May 13, 2021, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines for fully vaccinated persons, and in consultation with our public health experts, the following categorical exceptions to the mask policy are authorized:

- a. Fully vaccinated personnel are no longer required to wear a mask indoors or outdoors at DoD facilities. All DoD personnel must continue to comply with CDC guidance regarding areas where mask are required to be worn. Personnel who are not fully vaccinated will continue to follow applicable DoD mask guidance, to include wearing masks indoors.

(1) A person is considered fully vaccinated two weeks after the second dose of a 2-dose series, or two weeks after receiving the single-dose vaccine.

(2) Persons visiting the Medical Group will continue to wear facemasks while at the clinic regardless of vaccination status.

(3) Installation healthcare personnel (HCP) will continue to follow CDC recommendations and continue to wear the mask while at work/patient care areas, to include front desks, waiting areas, hallways, and examination rooms.

(4) If a fully vaccinated person begins to experience symptoms of COVID-19, they should return to wearing a mask and seek medical help.

2. Commanders and supervisors may make exceptions to this memorandum based on the mission requirements, to ensure a safe workforce. Commanders and supervisors should not ask about an employee's vaccination status or use this information about an employee's vaccination status to make decisions about how and when employees will report to a workplace.

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Commander