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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND JBSA TENANT UNITS

SUBJECT: JBSA COVID-19 Guidance Memorandum # 57– Implementation HPCON Bravo+ and Categorical Exceptions to Guidance on Use of Masks

1. The installation will transition to Health Protection Condition (HPCON) BRAVO PLUS effective 30 July 2021. The intent of this change is to protect our community and prevent further spread of COVID-19. This change includes a provision, directed by the Office of the Secretary of Defense, requiring wear of masks indoors on Federal installations in areas of substantial or high community transmission.
 - a. Effective immediately, DoD requires all Service members, Federal employees, onsite contractor employees, and visitors, regardless of vaccination status, to wear a mask in an indoor setting in installations and other facilities, owned, leased or otherwise controlled by DoD.
 - b. Service members, Federal employees, onsite contractor employees, and visitors, who are not fully vaccinated also need to continue to physically distance consistent with applicable CDC and DoD Force Health Protection guidance.
2. Our current trends meet the Department of Defense criteria for implementing this HPCON change, based on JBSA reported increases in the daily case rate and in the 14-day positivity rate at our Military Medical Treatment Facilities (MTFs) as well as a review of the Bexar County Hospital Stress Score. Our JBSA MTFs have sufficient capacity to treat patients and an adequate diagnostic COVID testing program.
3. The intent of these increased preventive measures is to slow and reduce the spread of COVID-19 within our community. Ideally, by taking increased measures now we can limit further spread of the virus and decrease our chances of having to move to higher HPCON levels. JBSA workplaces should maintain less than 40% of normal occupancy. Commanders and supervisors are encouraged to continue to authorize telework, flexible scheduling, and alternate work locations to meet occupancy standards, where possible. Commanders and supervisors at all levels must to continue to accommodate high-risk members and those with family considerations. We all must do our part to implement public health recommendations, including continued physical distancing, wearing of face masks, practicing good hand washing protocols, and taking appropriate actions if feeling sick. Personnel are encouraged to get the COVID-19 vaccine, if they choose.

4. Installation support and services may be modified to minimize further spread. For the latest information on these services, consult the following resources:

- a. Installation gate availability and hours: <https://www.jbsa.mil/Gate-Hours>
- b. Morale, Welfare and Recreation opportunities: www.JBSAToday.com
- c. For the latest COVID updates and an expanded list of available services, please visit www.jbsa.mil/coronavirus. There is detailed information under “Facilities and Services Statuses.”

6. Working with Public Health experts and our community partners, we will exercise caution while delivering JBSA services and support with safety at the forefront.

7. This letter supersedes any previous letters, same subject.

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