



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 5TH BOMB WING (AFGSC)
MINOT AIR FORCE BASE NORTH DAKOTA**

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL 5 BW AND 91 MW PERSONNEL

FROM: 5 BW/CC

SUBJECT: Renewal of Declaration of Public Health Emergency – COVID-19

REFERENCES: (a) DODI 6200.03, 28 March 2019, Public Health Emergency Management within the DOD
(b) AFI 10-2519, 10 December 2019, Public Health Emergencies and Incidents of Public Health Concern
(c) OASD Memorandum, 24 June 2021, Extension of Department of Defense Public Health Emergency Declarations

1. On 17 March 2020, in response to the rapid spread of COVID-19 and based on a preliminary investigation and the recommendations from my Public Health Emergency Officer (PHEO), a public health emergency (PHE) was declared IAW AFI 10-2519, *Public Health Emergencies and Incidents of Public Health Concern*, for Minot Air Force Base. That declaration was extended on 16 April 2020, 15 May 2020, 13 August 2020, 15 November 2020, 13 February 2021, and most recently 2 August 2021 with an expiration date of 9 November 2021. Further investigation and recommendations from my PHEO indicate the need to renew the Declaration of a PHE for an additional 90 days.¹ As such, I am renewing the Declaration of PHE until 2 February 2022, which at this time will automatically terminate unless it is renewed and re-reported, or terminated sooner by myself or a senior commander in the chain of command.

2. The installation PHEO and medical personnel are hereby directed to continue identifying, confirming, and controlling this public health emergency utilizing all the necessary means outlined in AFI 10-2519. To implement my direction, the PHEO may continue to issue guidance that affects the installation personnel and property, and other individuals working, residing, or visiting this installation (e.g. closing base facilities, restricting movement, or implementing quarantine or isolation for select individuals).

3. The installation commander and the PHEO will continue to coordinate activities and share information with state, local, tribal, and territorial officials responsible for public health and public safety to ensure our response is appropriate for the public health emergency. Shared information may include personally identifiable health information only to the extent necessary to protect public health and safety.

4. Any person who refuses to obey or otherwise violates an order during this declared public health emergency will be detained. Those not subject to military law will be detained until civil authorities can respond. Violators of procedures, protocols, provisions, and/or orders issued in conjunction with this public health emergency may be charged with a crime under the Uniform Code of Military Justice and/or under United States Code, Section 271. Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 271, violators are subject to a fine up to \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.

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¹ On 24 June 2021, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs extended the potential duration of emergencies declared under DoDI 6200.03 for up to 90 days to remain in effect until 31 December 2021.