



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE MINOT AIR FORCE BASE NORTH DAKOTA

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL MINOT AFB PERSONNEL

FROM: TEAM MINOT WING COMMANDERS

SUBJECT: Updated Exception to Policy with respect to Mask Wear and Social Distancing

References:

- (a) Executive Order on Protecting the Federal Workforce and Requiring Mask-Wearing, 20 January 2021
- (b) Secretary of Defense Memorandum, "Use of Masks and Other Public Health Measures," 4 February 2021
- (c) Secretary of the Air Force Memorandum, "Department of the Air Force Guidance on Use of Masks," 16 February 2021
- (d) Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandum, "Updated Mask Guidance for Vaccinated Persons," 13 May 2021 (rescinded)
- (e) Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandum, "Updated Mask Guidance for all DoD Installations and Other Facilities," 28 July 2021

1. Per the Executive Order on Protecting the Federal Workforce and Requiring Mask-Wearing, and supplemental guidance provided by the Deputy Secretary of Defense, all personnel are required to wear their masks in indoor settings in facilities controlled by DoD, with the exceptions contained in Reference (b) and (c), and the following exceptions. The following exceptions are authorized due to mask wear significantly impeding mission accomplishment:

- a. Public speaking to an audience of 30 or more as long as speaker stands away 12 feet from crowd;
- b. Single person alone in an office (defined as floor to ceiling walls) with the door opened or closed;
- c. Fire Department Facility and Ambulance Services. When any visitors arrive, masks will be donned;
- d. MAF (while only P3 personnel are on site). The moment a non-P3 person comes on to a MAF, masks shall be worn in all common areas. Upon entry of a non-P3 person in the elevator shaftway, Missile Combat Crews will don masks until the area is cleared of non-P3 persons;
- e. LFs when the Team Chief assigned assesses mask wear will inhibit safe and reliable operations;
- f. Children aged 2-5 under care in the Child Development Center and Family Child Care homes;
- g. Facilities reserved for single family use (e.g., Parent/Child Area at fitness center, within lodging room assigned to an Airman or an Airman's family, etc.)
- h. While exercising in any capacity within the fitness center, to include aerobic exercise, strength training, and conducting fitness assessments. For all other areas, masks are only required for unvaccinated personnel. This includes; in restrooms and locker rooms, while spectating in stands for any sport, and while transitioning between areas within the facility.

2. All personnel are required to maintain social distancing on federal grounds with the following exceptions IAW References (b) and (c). These exceptions are authorized due to mask wear significantly impeding mission accomplishment under the following circumstances;

- a. During the use of approved buses or other chartered transportation in support of mission, training, or FSS sponsored activities;
- b. Children utilizing the Lil Riders Indoor Play area will not be required to maintain strict social distancing;
- c. Indoor courts for basketball, walleyball, and racquetball as well as the indoor climbing wall;
- d. Airmen and families participating in family activities at the youth/teen center;

3. This memo supersedes any policy previously published on the installation addressing exceptions to mask wear. We appreciate your dedication to protecting Team Minot's service members, civilians, and families.

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