

SUBJECT: Updated Mask Guidance for Hanscom AFB

1. (U) IAW Deputy SecDef Updated Mask Guidance For All DoD Installations and Other Facilities dated 28 July 2021 (attached), Hanscom AFB is now in a CDC defined “**substantial community transmission**” area.
2. (U) Effective 03 August 2021, **regardless of vaccination status**, federal employees, onsite contractor employees, and visitors are now required to wear a mask indoors.
3. (U) The Installation Commander has implemented a Public Health Emergency Declaration (attached) and increased the installation HPCON to BRAVO (see attached HAFB HPCON checklist).
 - a. Units will continue to execute their COOP to meet mission requirements.
 - b. Units will continue to maximize telework opportunities and limit their on-site footprint.
 - c. Building Managers will hang signs as necessary.
4. (U) Previous OSD and DAF exceptions to mask wear still apply:
 - a. In your private residence (e.g., base housing or dormitories).
 - b. In a private office space with floor-to-ceiling walls and a closed door; must put on a mask when someone enters.
 - c. Eating or drinking while maintaining appropriate physical distancing (i.e. lunch).
 - d. Approved reasonable accommodations based on a disability or religious beliefs. For questions regarding religious accommodations, engage our 66 ABG Chaplain team.
 - e. Documented underlying health conditions prohibiting the wear of a face covering AND the individual is in possession of medical documentation from a health care provider outlining such a condition and the restrictions the condition places on wear of a face covering.
 - f. Actively participating in physical fitness activities indoors; masks must be placed back on when complete. Workout partners require proper face coverings if physical distancing cannot be maintained (e.g., spotting someone).
 - g. When leadership determines use substantively interferes with the proper wear and use of personal protective equipment necessary for the accomplishment of one’s official duties. This will be mission driven.
 - h. Personnel in primary aircrew positions during critical phases of flight or emergencies or when using flight crew oxygen equipment.
 - i. When clear or unrestricted visualization of verbal communication are essential to safe and effective operations. This exception is intended for active speaking roles such as official ceremonies, events or broadcasts where physical distancing is maintained and other mitigating measures are implemented, as appropriate for the event.
5. (U) Installation leadership will continue to monitor local trends and will implement protection measures as necessary.
6. (U) UCCs acknowledge this CAT Directive on the Hanscom CAT SharePoint Dashboard at <https://org2.eis.af.mil/sites/21911/66ABWXP/SitePages/Hanscom%20CAT%20Dashboard.aspx> Update the CAT Directive field to “110” and update POC data as needed. NOTE: If you do not have access to the Hanscom AFB SharePoint contact the CAT, we will update as required.
7. (U) If you have any questions, contact the Hanscom CAT (7:30 am–4:30 pm weekdays) at:
 - a. E-mail: 66ABG.XP.CrisisActionTeam@us.af.mil
 - b. DSN: 845-1318, Commercial: 781-225-1318
 - c. After Hours: Contact Hanscom Command Post at 781-225-6960 to reach CAT Duty Officer on call.