



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL USAFA PERSONNEL

FROM: USAFA/CC

SUBJECT: Consolidated USAFA Exceptions to Policy on the Use of Masks

- References:
- (a) Deputy Secretary Defense Memorandum, "Updated Mask Guidance for all DoD Installations and Other Facilities," dated 28 July 2021
 - (b) Secretary of Defense Memorandum, "Use of Masks and Other Health Measures," 4 February 2021
 - (c) Secretary of the Air Force Memorandum, "Department of the Air Force Guidance on Use of Masks," dated 16 February 2021
 - (d) USAFA Superintendent Memorandum, "USAFA Guidance on Use of Masks," 22 February 2021
 - (e) 10 ABW Memorandum, "Updated USAFA Guidance on the Use of Masks Indoors," 29 July 2021
 - (f) USAFA/CC Memorandum, "Consolidated USAFA Guidance and Exceptions to Policy on the Use of Masks," 8 September 2021
 - (g) USAFA/CC Memorandum, "Pause on USAFA Exceptions to Policy on the Use of Masks," 4 January 2022

1. This memorandum is issued pursuant to References (a) through (e), and Reference (f) and (g) are rescinded. All individuals, regardless of vaccination status, must wear masks while indoors on USAFA except children ages five and under. Fully vaccinated status is defined by DoD as completed initial shot series, plus two weeks; a booster shot is not required to be considered "fully vaccinated."

2. Exceptions to this policy are as follows:


a. Fully vaccinated personnel are not required to wear masks in **Sijan Hall, Vandenberg Hall and Preparatory School dormitory rooms, squadron hallways, or common use rooms**. Masks remain mandatory for all personnel in all support and facility areas outside of the squadron, group, and wing areas of responsibility (e.g. cadet store, mailroom, dorm management, cadet issue, etc.).

b. Fully vaccinated personnel are not required to wear masks in the **Cadet Gym, Falcon Athletic Center, Clune Arena and Holaday Athletic Center**. Masks remain mandatory for all athletics competitions where external guests (fans) are present. The same caveats apply to Preparatory School athletics.

c. Fully vaccinated personnel are not required to wear masks in academic facilities including **Fairchild Hall, McDermott Library, Gregory Hall, the Aeronautics Laboratory, the Center for Unmanned Aircraft Systems Research Center, Polaris Hall, Harmon Hall, and the**

Preparatory School. Masks remain mandatory for all events in which external guests are present.

3. Existing policy for mask wear in Mitchell Hall remains in effect.
4. Specific areas within the cadet area and Preparatory School may continue to require masking at the discretion of the Mission Element or Department lead and will be posted as such.
5. The senior ranking person in any group may still require masking for any gathering or event. Additionally, any permanent party or cadet may ask the senior ranking person to require masks, and the request must be honored.
6. Masks must still be carried and available at all times. When engaging with an individual wearing a mask inside any of the exempted areas, the non-masked person must immediately don a mask upon reaching six feet from the masked individual.
7. Exceptions to policy will be assessed weekly and may be modified.
8. For questions regarding COVID and public health, please contact the 10th Medical Group Public Health Flight, usaf.usafa.10-mdg.mbx.public-health@mail.mil. For implementation questions, please contact your Mission Element lead COVID POC.


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