USAFA -

I assume you have heard this from multiple sources but I wanted you to hear it directly from me. Based on SecDef guidance, the following must be considered an order:

Masks and 6' spacing are not optional. You will maintain 6' spacing to the max extent possible, when unable (or when you're close to approaching 6') wear a mask. This means you need a mask on you at all times, without exception. All of us must consider a directive from the Secretary of Defense as a direct order with all the meaning that such an order applies.

These measures are not optional or open for interpretation and are part of our obligation to each other to maintain a safe and healthy environment. These orders apply to all on the USAFA installation, regardless of rank or duty status. Additionally, we all have a responsibility remind others when we see a violation.

If you have questions, please speak to your chain of command and please forward this note to anyone who has questions.

All of us must wear a mask and keep 6' spacing.

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