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HEADQUARTERS 28TH BOMB WING (AFGSC)
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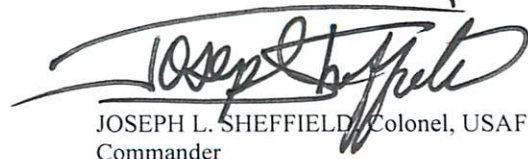
MEMORANDUM FOR ALL PRESENT UPON OR ASSIGNED TO ELLSWORTH AFB

FROM: 28 BW/CC

SUBJECT: Ellsworth Air Force Base COVID-19 Mitigation Policy

References: (a) Declaration of a Public Health Emergency on Ellsworth AFB, 5 May 2021
(b) Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandum, Updated Mask Guidelines for Vaccinated Persons, 13 May 2021
(c) Latest Combined DoD Guidance on the Coronavirus located at,
www.defense.gov/Explore/Spotlight/Coronavirus/Latest-DOD-Guidance/

1. In line with the Secretary of Defense's Message to the Force stated priorities in ref (c) and the current public health conditions, I am adjusting the Ellsworth AFB COVID-19 Pandemic Restriction Order dated 17 May 2021. These updated mitigation and enforcement measures are intended to continue protecting critical missions and keep military members, DoD civilians, and families safe, while balancing mental health, social development, and quality of life.
 - a. All personnel must maintain vigilance regarding physical distancing, mask wearing, and hand hygiene. Physical distancing is defined as greater than six feet between yourself and others. In addition, personnel must continue to self-monitor for COVID-19 signs and symptoms. If a member suspects that they are infected, or have had close contact with a person suspected to be infected, they must inform their chain of command and the 28th MDG immediately.
 - b. COVID-19 fully vaccinated (as defined by the CDC) individuals are not required to wear a mask indoors or outdoors while on Ellsworth AFB unless otherwise posted (ie. MDG facilities, Vehicle Control Center). Use of masks remains mandatory IAW ref (b) for individuals who are not fully vaccinated.
 - c. Personnel must exercise good judgment at large, indoor gatherings. If the size of the venue or the number of people gathered preclude social distancing, unvaccinated individuals should depart the facility immediately.
 - d. All personnel traveling will comply with CDC and Higher Headquarters restrictions and guidance.
2. Unit commanders may issue more restrictive measures to mitigate risk to mission and personnel.
3. Active duty military members (to include members of a reserve component, identified under 10 U.S.C. § 10101 assigned to or present upon Ellsworth AFB) not in compliance with these measures may be subject to administrative or disciplinary UCMJ action. DoD civilian employees who fail to abide by these measures may also be subject to adverse employment action. Any other individuals who live or work on Ellsworth AFB, who fail to follow these measures may have their access to the installation limited or revoked.
4. This memorandum supersedes the 17 May 2021, Ellsworth Air Force Base COVID-19 Pandemic Restriction Order.


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