



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 28TH BOMB WING (AFGSC)
ELLSWORTH AIR FORCE BASE SOUTH DAKOTA**

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL PRESENT UPON OR ASSIGNED TO ELLSWORTH AFB

FROM: 28 BW/CC

SUBJECT: Modification and Reissuance of General Restriction Order for COVID-19 Pandemic

- References:
- (a) Modification and Reissuance of General Restriction Order for COVID-19 Pandemic, 03 March 2021 (hereby cancelled and modified herein)
 - (b) Exemption of Authorized Leave for Department of Defense Service Members from Coronavirus Disease 2019 Personnel Movement and Travel Restrictions
 - (c) Secretary of Defense Memorandum, "Transition to Conditions-based Phased Approach to COVID-19 Personnel Movement and Travel Restrictions," 22 May 2020 (Updated by Secretary of Defense Memorandum, "Delegation of Waiver Approval Authority for Coronavirus Disease 2019 Personnel Movement and Travel Restrictions," 5 October 2020)
 - (d) Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Memorandum, "Force Health Protection Guidance (Supplement 12) – Department of Defense Guidance for Personnel Traveling During the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic," 6 August 2020
 - (e) AFGSC Rescission of Pass Restriction in Response to COVID-19 Outbreak, 11 June 2020
 - (f) Declaration of a Public Health Emergency on Ellsworth AFB, 01 February 2021

1. In line with the Secretary of Defense's stated priorities in reference (c) and the conditions that caused me to renew Ellsworth AFB's declaration of a public health emergency through reference (f), I am revising and issuing this order for the purposes of protecting military members, DoD civilians, and their families who reside or work on Ellsworth AFB, and to maintain the readiness of Ellsworth AFB personnel to conduct military operations. The following measures are taken based upon facts and circumstances related to the threat of spread of COVID-19 in the area of Ellsworth AFB and after consultation with medical personnel. These measures remain subject to change upon reevaluation, consistent with the purposes noted above.

2. Effective immediately, this memorandum cancels reference (a) and incorporates and reissues general restriction guidance as follows that will remain in effect until rescinded. This order may be enforced against anyone physically present upon Ellsworth AFB and against active duty military members (to include members of a reserve component, identified under 10 U.S.C. § 10101, currently serving on active duty orders) assigned to or present upon Ellsworth AFB, whether they are on or off of the installation and civilians who have the need to be present on this installation (e.g. DoD civilian employees, dependents, retirees, contractors, etc.).

3. A military member who fails to obey this order may be punished under Article 92 for failure to obey a lawful order or under any other applicable portion of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). DoD civilians who fail to follow these directives may face adverse employment action. Due to the potential to impact mission readiness, any person who fails to follow these directives in a manner that is found to be potentially harmful to the health or safety of the individuals who live and work on this installation may have his or her authority to access Ellsworth AFB limited or revoked. This includes dependent civilians.

4. Face coverings are mandatory and must be worn in order to enter all facilities on Ellsworth AFB, except for a member's own residence in base housing. An individual may remove his/her face covering upon arrival at their work station, provided that work station allows for 6 feet of physical separation. Additionally, face coverings must be worn:

- a. In any situation or workplace environment, outside of member's own residence in base housing, in which six feet of physical distance cannot be consistently maintained (e.g. Walking through hallways or stairwells);
- b. In any workplace situation in which personnel routinely engage in customer service activities with personnel other than those in their units (e.g. Finance Customer Service Desk, Legal Office Legal Assistance, Military Personnel Flight Customer Service, and similar organizations);
- c. When driving in vehicles when other people are present unless those other individuals are family members; and
- d. In any business establishment, whether on or off of the installation.

5. Issuance of visitor's passes unrelated to mission accomplishment may be approved by the 28th Bomb Wing Director of Staff or any squadron or superior g-series orders commander on a case by case basis. Passes for contract work and deliveries remain authorized. Due to restriction of movement, quarantine and isolation operations in lodging, SPACE A lodging is only permitted for the FAMCAMP at this time. FAMCAMP may also be used by personnel as part of temporary lodging plans related to a permanent change of station and have priority over SPACE A.

6. Personnel are limited to travel that allows for physical recall to Ellsworth AFB within five hours travel time by vehicle following notification. Any travel outside of this distance requires leave approval by the squadron commander or Wing Director of Staff.

7. Activities within this five hour radius must comply with all stipulations in this order and should be limited to those activities with a high ability to physically distance which do not increase risk of COVID-19 transmission (e.g. camping, fishing, hiking, mountain biking, hunting etc.). Overnight camping (e.g. RVs, 5th Wheels, tent camping, rental cabins, etc.) is allowed, provided personnel are on local leave or pass. Personnel will wear face coverings when entering any business and limit close contact to the general public and other groups. Winter outdoor recreational activities (e.g. skiing, snowboarding, tubing, ice skating) are permitted; however, participation in such activities must be in compliance with this order. Specifically, entry into the "ski lodge" or similar facility is permitted for the limited purposes of using the restroom or obtaining rental gear. Members are encouraged to bring their own food and beverages in accordance with the facilities guidelines or order from outdoor areas (such as fire pits etc) in order to maximize spacing and reduce contact with large numbers of people indoors. If you must enter the lodge or be around non-family members, individuals are required to wear face coverings and make every effort to maintain six feet of separation from others. If ice skating, avoid the rink during crowded times and wear face coverings when around non-family members.

8. Personnel should remain capable of receiving calls or texts via mobile phone at regular intervals.

9. All may enter off base retail business establishments provided face coverings are worn and hand sanitation is available upon entry. Individuals subject to this order are mandated to wear face coverings even if not required by the establishment. These visits should be limited to the accomplishment of specific transactions (i.e. no browsing to "kill time"), and time spent in the business should be limited to that necessary to conduct the transaction. Personnel must maintain physical distancing and hygiene practices to the best of their ability at all times while in the business. Members are encouraged to avoid establishments at peak times to reduce exposure risk.

10. Personnel may now dine in at restaurants, to include on weekends, provided the restaurant requires employees to wear face coverings. Additionally, if the waiting area does not provide for six feet of distancing, patrons must wait for table availability either outside or in their car. While in a restaurant, personnel must wear face coverings when not seated at their table or booth. Seating in the bar area is prohibited. No more than four non-family members may sit together. Outdoor dining at restaurants is also permitted, subject to the same restrictions as indoor dining. Face coverings must also be worn if entering a restaurant to pick up to-go food and when waiting in line at a food truck or other outdoor dining establishment.

11. Except as provided elsewhere in this memorandum, establishments that conduct business in a way that precludes the ability to physical distance or preserve good hygiene practices remain off-limits to personnel. The following types of establishments are provided as examples of businesses and events that personnel are directed to avoid. This list is not all-inclusive, but should be used as examples for personnel seeking to determine whether they may patronize a certain business or event:

- a. Bars and clubs;
- b. Casinos or other gambling or gaming establishments;
- c. Concert venues (whether indoor or outdoor);
- d. Rallies, Fairs or other large gatherings;
- e. Large sporting events;
- f. Markets (whether indoor or outdoor) if face coverings are not worn by attendees; or
- g. Movie theaters where face coverings and physical distancing are not directed (drive in movie theaters are exempt).

12. All may utilize barbershops, hair/beauty salons, manicure/pedicure, tattoo and massage therapy establishments as long as the establishment follows, at a minimum, the following safety precautions due to close proximity between patrons and customers:

- a. Face coverings must be worn by all service providers and by the person receiving services. Deviations are authorized only when the covering interferes with the service being provided;

- b. The person providing the services must follow Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommended hygiene practices, to include washing of his or her hands prior to providing service to each customer;

- c. The establishment must conduct business by appointment only and/or limit the number of people in the waiting area in a manner that allows for physical distancing of six feet between individuals.

13. All must exercise caution when allowing children to participate in youth sports and other activities, and should ensure that responsible physical distancing and hygiene requirements are being maintained. Personnel are permitted to attend games, practices and events associated with their childrens' sports or activities provided face covering and distancing precautions are taken. (e.g. Observe spacing in bleacher or sitting areas and wear face coverings if six feet of physical distance cannot be maintained). Additionally, personnel may participate in said events as a coach or referee. Face coverings must be worn if physical distancing cannot be maintained at all times. Active duty military members remain prohibited from traveling outside of the five hour radius set in paragraph 6 unless on approved leave, even if that travel is in connection with a child's game or activity.

14. Authorized medical care approved by a military medical provider, to include services provided via referral to a non-military provider, is exempted from this order.

15. All may attend religious services either on or off of the installation. Face coverings must be worn and physical distancing practices must be observed at all times.

16. Off-duty employment for Active Duty members is permitted only when approved by a member's squadron or senior commander. Before approving any off-duty employment request, approving officials should consider whether the nature of the job exposes the member to an unacceptable level of risk of exposure to COVID-19 or whether duties inherent in the job are inconsistent with other prohibitions.

For example, working in a warehouse where physical distancing, wear of face coverings and good hygiene practices are enforced might be acceptable while checking identification at a bar or engaging in close contact with customers where there is no face covering requirement would not.

17. Non-work related, private social gatherings of 14 or fewer people are allowed in areas where physical distancing can be maintained (i.e. outdoor cookouts, driveway or backyard fire pits, facilities that provide for distancing. Dorm rooms do not provide appropriate spacing.). Gatherings that consist entirely of members of a single, immediate family or of individuals who reside within the same domicile are exempted from this rule. This also does not preclude the presence of members at larger gatherings directed for purposes of mission accomplishment (i.e. First Shirt Health and Welfare checks, deployment processing etc). Official unit or wing functions or other mission directed events may exceed this capacity provided that provisions are made for distancing, hygiene and face covering requirements and they are actively enforced. This order is not intended to restrict an individual's presence at an establishment otherwise permitted in this memorandum.

18. At all times, all present in a public place are directed to follow physical distancing, sanitation and personal hygiene guidelines. This includes remaining at least six feet from the nearest person, avoiding close personal contact (e.g. handshakes or hugs), washing hands frequently for at least 20 seconds, and following a regular cleaning schedule for any surface or item routinely touched by people.

19. I expect strict compliance with this order and for personnel to act in a responsible manner which minimizes the risk of spread of COVID-19. This policy memorandum is not meant to be all-inclusive. Commanders and supervisors at all levels may exercise authority to appropriately address behaviors that unnecessarily raise the risk of spreading COVID-19 regardless of whether those behaviors are specifically addressed in this memorandum. This includes, but is not limited to, hosting of gatherings in a location or manner that does not allow for proper physical distancing even if those gatherings consist of fewer than 14 people.

20. Your compliance with this order is necessary to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission on Ellsworth AFB, reduce the number of personnel in quarantine and isolation, and stay mission ready. Questions or concerns should be addressed to your (or your sponsor's) supervisory chain.

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