

**9th Reconnaissance Wing Commander Declaration of  
HPCON Charlie**

**\*\*\*Effective 1200 PST, Sunday, January 9, 2022\*\*\***

The 9th Reconnaissance Wing Commander directs Health Protection Condition (HPCON) Charlie in response to a significant increase of COVID-19 cases across the installation, state, and nation. Globally, over the past week, new daily COVID-19 cases have increased 79%. In the US, new daily cases reached a pandemic record on 4 Jan with 1 million cases.

This decision to move to HPCON C is informed by medical data and prioritizes mitigation of risk to force by proactively breaking transmission chains early to lessen the impact of the inevitable spread, prioritize individual and community health, and ensure uninterrupted mission capability. The better we do as a team now, the sooner we can get back to HPCON B!

This will be tough, but that's why you are a part of the USAF team – to do hard things! Continue to take care of each other; continue to take ownership of your actions, your workspace, and your team; continue to create a positive impact by offering solutions...while avoiding only complaining about problems.

And know that it is ok not to be ok. Feeling overwhelmed? No sweat, it means you are a normal human—it happens to all of us! Please talk to a buddy, your supervisor, your Shirt or Commander, a chaplain, or of these helping agencies listed in the Resources section of this document.

In addition to all HPCON Bravo+ directives, HPCON Charlie directives include:

1. Individuals will not physically report to work if they are feeling sick. Members will immediately notify their supervisor and call the Beale Appointment Line: (530) 634-2941. Individuals may request COVID-19 testing via secure messaging to their primary care provider on the MHS Genesis Patient Portal. Individuals needing information regarding COVID-19 testing can look on the COVID-19 page of the Beale website for more information.
2. Crowd limitations: No more than 10 indoors, no more than 25 outdoors. **Unit Commanders may approve higher numbers if required for mission execution.**
3. Mask wear: Required at all times indoors unless alone and behind closed doors, required outside if within six feet of others. Surgical masks are recommended for use in place of cloth masks.
4. PT tests will be discontinued while the installation is in HPCON C.
5. Visitor passes will not be approved unless the visitor is mission essential. Exceptions for compassionate needs will be approved by unit commanders, examples include: EFMP therapists, family helping with newborns, etc. Individuals currently approved for on base access through the Visitor's Center at the time of this upgrade to HPCON Charlie are authorized to finish out the duration of their visit, however, they may not be extended.
6. Maximize use of virtual platforms, telework, and unit teaming. Each unit will follow tailored teaming schedules to fit mission needs, check with your chain of command for your schedule. Members will not interact with individuals from opposite teams outside of duty hours.
7. Individuals on telework status will have an out-of-office notification detailing phone contact information to ensure continuity of services. If any customer service desk is unattended due to telework or teaming, a physical sign will be posted with telephone contact details. **Teleworking members will be available via phone during office hours, absenteeism will not be tolerated.**
8. **Leave & Movement Policy**
  - a. Leave must be approved by unit commanders. Members will contact their supervisor before returning to work to ensure no close contacts or symptoms developed while on leave. Local area is changed from an 8 hour to a 6 hour drive. Official travel must be approved by the first O-6 in the ADCON chain of command.
  - b. Members will avoid congested areas such as leisure activities in metropolitan areas, or crowded entertainment venues such as concerts, sporting events, dance clubs, etc. Every situation is unique, and some venues have more rigorous vetting such as proof of vaccination; if a high risk of transmission exists due to crowd size or poor COVID hygiene practice – avoid them!
  - c. No ROM is currently required when returning from TDY or leave unless an individual has had an exposure or is symptomatic. Depending on conditions, this may change in the coming weeks at a local or Air Force level.

- d. Grass Valley Gate and Schneider Gate will be closed indefinitely beginning January 10. Other gates remain unaffected.

**9. Facility Use Policy**

- a. Public space utilization and the Recce Town Facility Status will be limited as shown in the Force Support graphic: <https://www.beale.af.mil/Home/COVID-19-UPDATES/>
- b. The CDC will remain open in a separate room concept. If demand exceeds capacity, those physically reporting to work will take precedence. Unless demand exceeds capacity, members who are teleworking are welcome to continue using the CDC.
- c. The base barbershop will remain open with limited capacity. Six feet of social distance is required, and surgical mask use is recommended. Appointments will be made online.
- d. The Contrails dining facility (DFAC) and the Ramoneda will offer in place dining in addition to carry out. All other dining facilities will be carry out only.
- e. The Harris Fitness Center will sustain 24 hour operations, but locker rooms and showers will be closed. During off duty hours, members are expected to maintain six feet of distance and mask wear while in the facility. If standards are unable to be maintained, 24 hour ops will be discontinued. Current procedures and capacity limits to exercise areas will remain until further notice.

**10. Resources**

- a. On-base HPCON Charlie measures are mandatory for all individuals on Beale AFB. It is each individual's responsibility to shape their behavior on the side of caution. Additionally, members will adhere to local laws and ordinances, regardless of whether off-base establishments are enforcing such standards.
- b. For local and national guidance go to:  
California COVID-19 Guidance: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Guidance.aspx>  
Center for Disease Control COVID-19 <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>  
Travel Advisories <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html/>
- c. Entering a new HPCON can be challenging, and there are resources available to help:  
Mental Health Clinic: 530-634-3420  
Military and Family Life Counseling: 530-218-4023 or 530-708-0844  
Military One Source: 800-342-9647  
Local Suicide Crisis Line: 916-368-3111  
Duty Chaplain: Command Post (530) 634-5700 or Direct (530) 300-7870

**Isolation and Quarantine Procedures.**

	Previous Procedures	Current Procedures as of 4 Jan 22
Isolation <i>Persons confirmed positive for COVID-19</i>	Isolate for 10 days from symptom onset date or test collection date if asymptomatic	Isolate for 5 days from symptom onset date or test collection date if asymptomatic; may release after 5 days if symptoms are resolving and they have been w/out fever for 24hrs. Persons should adhere to strict mask wear around others for the following 5 days to minimize risk of transmission
Quarantine <i>Persons identified as close contacts of a confirmed positive case</i>	<u>Unvaccinated:</u> quarantine for 14 days (tested immediately and again at 5-7 days after exposure) <u>Vaccinated:</u> quarantine not required, instructed to self-monitor for symptoms for 14 days (tested at 3-5 days after exposure)	<u>Unvaccinated OR not vaccine current**:</u> quarantine for 5 days followed by 5 days of strict mask wear (tested 5 days after exposure) <u>Vaccine current** or had confirmed COVID-19 within 90 days:</u> quarantine not required, but mask wear recommended for 10 days (tested 5 days after exposure)

\*\*Vaccine current is defined as having received all recommended COVID-19 vaccine doses, including boosters at recommended intervals per Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations. For specific details see: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html>

For most current COVID-19 vaccine booster information see: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.html>