



9 RW Commander Declaration of HPCON Charlie

****Effective as of 1200, Sunday, January 9, 2022****

Current as of 6 January 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!

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:

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.

PT Testing: PT tests will be discontinued while the installation is in HPCON C.

Social Distancing. A minimum of 6 feet between personnel is required at all times. Limit meetings, socials, and mass gatherings. Gatherings will be executed within the below guidelines:

- No more than 10 indoors, no more than 25 outdoors. **Unit Commanders may approve higher numbers if required for mission execution.**
- Maximize use of virtual meetings and VTCs to minimize personnel exposure. Hybrid options may be utilized with appropriate precautions.
- Specific exceptions to gathering restrictions are outlined in “Beale AFB Guidance for Events and Gatherings during COVID-19” found on the Beale AFB COVID-19 Updates website linked below.
- Indoor intra-mural sports activities are suspended.

Telework. Unit commanders utilize your tailored telework plans. However, telework is encouraged for high risk personnel, and other additional personnel, to ensure unit mission is not degraded.

Leave/Movement Policy/Base Access: 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.

Facility Use. Common areas should be utilized in a limited capacity. Follow social distancing guidelines.

Mask Use: Required at all times indoors unless alone and behind closed doors, required outside if within 6 feet of others. Surgical masks are recommended for use in place of cloth masks.

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>

- Beale COVID-19 Updates Website: <https://www.beale.af.mil/Home/COVID-19-UPDATES/>
- COVID-19: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/summary.html>
- California COVID-19 Guidelines: <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>
- DoS Travel Advisories: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html/>

Implementation of additional measures from a higher HPCON will enhance Beale AFB's COVID-19 response. Expect updates to HPCON and additional guidance via Public Affairs.