



9 RW Commander Declaration of HPCON Bravo

Thursday, September 17, 2020

The 9 RW Commander directed a change in Health Protection Condition (HPCON) from “Charlie” to “Bravo” in response to a moderate but improving COVID-19 total case count, rate of new cases, and severity of illness noted both on-base and in the region. These measures mirror the restrictions civic leaders are placing on the local counties for reducing COVID-19. In addition to all HPCON Bravo actions, HPCON Bravo includes the following actions:

-- **Individuals will not report to work if they are feeling sick.**

-- Social Distancing (Limit meetings, socials, and mass gatherings)

- Reduction of in-person meetings/gatherings to 25% the room capacity or less, or VTC or dial in
- Limit Outdoor Gatherings to 50 people or less, face coverings/physical distancing required

-- Telework: As directed by unit commander, units will follow their enduring operation plan with encouragement to optimize teleworking for tele-work ready personnel as able.

-- Base Access: ETPs will no longer be required for those with base access to sponsor an individual onto the installation. Procedures to sponsor an individual will return to normal operations through the Visitor’s Center. As a reminder individuals being sponsored onto the installation should have two forms of ID.

-- Leave/Movement Policy

- Local leave is in accordance w/ AFI and 9 RW policy, i.e. no mileage restrictions, but member shall be within 6 hours drive. Commander’s discretion applies.
- Travel outside the 6 hours driving radius requires unit commander approval.
- Leave outside the CONUS requires Wing/CC approval.
- PCS movement and TDYs still require approval from first General Officer in the chain of command.

-- Facility Use Policy: public space utilization will be limited. This information will be consolidated and available at <https://www.beale.af.mil/Home/COVID-19-UPDATES/>.

HPCON Bravo measures are mandatory for Beale AFB service members and are highly encouraged for DoD civilian and contractor employees, and family members. These measures are required to ensure the health and safety for Recce Town service members, civilians and families. It is the commander’s expectation that members stay as disciplined off-base as they are on-base. Additionally members should adhere to movement, gathering, and facility use restrictions placed by the State of California while off-base.

Remain informed of COVID-19 symptoms and immediately contact the 9th Medical Group at (530) 634-2941 [DSN 368] if you develop those symptoms or have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19.

- COVID-19: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/summary.html>
- California COVID-19 Guidelines: <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>
- Department of State 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. It does not, however, constitute a higher HPCON. Expect updates to HPCON and additional guidance via Public Affairs & Beale Command Post (BCP).