



9 RW Commander Declaration of HPCON Bravo

*** Effective 1 MARCH 2021 ***

The 9 RW Commander has 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 physically report to work if they are feeling sick.

Social Distancing. Limit meetings, socials, and mass gatherings. Gatherings will be executed within the below guidelines:

- Continued reduction of in-person meetings/gatherings to 10 people or 25% the room capacity; or conduct VTC/dial in as an alternative.
- Limit Outdoor Gatherings to 50 people or less. Face coverings/physical distancing required.
- 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.

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

Leave/Movement Policy/Base Access. TDYs, official visitors, leave, and base access is in accordance with AFI and 9 RW policy, reference the “Beale COVID-19 Travel Guidance” which is available on the Beale COVID-19 website linked below.

Facility Use. Public space utilization will be limited. This information will be consolidated and available on the Beale COVID-19 website linked below.

Mask Use. Mask use on the installation is required for anyone on the installation or conducting business on behalf of the Air Force, in accordance with the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of the Air Force except where special provisions are provided. This guidance, as well as the 9 RW policy on mask use in the gym and during physical training, will be available within the Beale COVID-19 Update website linked below.

HPCON Bravo measures are mandatory for Beale AFB service members, 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.

- **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. It does not, however, constitute a higher HPCON. Expect updates to HPCON and additional guidance via Public Affairs & Beale Command Post (BCP).