



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE
21ST SPACE WING

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL PETERSON AFB and CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN AFS PERSONNEL

FROM: 21 SW/CC

SUBJECT: Mandatory Wear of Face Coverings or Face Masks

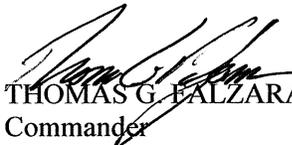
1. As medical experts learn more about COVID-19, we must be flexible to the challenges this virus poses to the safety and readiness of all personnel on Peterson AFB. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as well as the SECDEF, there is a new recommendation concerning the use and wear of cloth face covers.

2. Accordingly, effective 8 April 2020, **any individuals present on CMAFS and Peterson AFB** (including all military members, civilian employees, dependents, retirees, contractors, and any authorized DOD ID card holders and their sponsored guests on the installation) **will wear a cloth face covering that covers the nose and mouth** when they cannot maintain six feet of physical distancing in public areas or work centers. The purpose of the cloth face covering is to decrease the spread of COVID-19 by catching droplets expressed by the individual wearing the covering. Cloth face covers **DO NOT** prevent the transmission of droplets from other people and do **NOT** replace the need to follow current physical distancing and hygiene protocols. Individuals wearing a cloth face covering should **ensure they clean their hands before adjusting the covering or otherwise touching their face**.

- a. Several examples of where a cloth face cover will be worn includes places where physical distancing cannot be maintained (no less than 6 feet distance). Examples are all AAFES-operated services, commissary, post office, Building 350 customer service areas, 21 Force Support Squadron facilities, child development center, and base food service areas. People without a cloth face covering may not be permitted to enter these areas.
- b. Exempted from this directive are persons in their personal residence (except for those on restriction, quarantine or isolation orders who must wear a cloth face covering when interacting with others), people in their personal vehicles (alone or with immediate family members), people exercising (provided there is enough physical distance between the person exercising and others), and children in the child development center.
- c. Acceptable face coverings include cloth/cotton material (such as a t-shirt), a neck gaiter, balaclavas, bandanas (provided they are secured to ensure proper covering of the mouth), scarves, or other suitable covering. These face coverings will be washed daily, if re-worn. Personal protective equipment such as N95 respirators or surgical masks should **NOT** be used as these are reserved for medical professionals.
- d. The 21st Security Forces Squadron will implement the following procedures at our installation gates: All vehicle occupants when entering the installation must have their mask off their face to allow the installation entry controller to properly identify each member in the vehicle. When possible, installation entry controllers will scan the drivers DBIDS CAC/identification card of the driver with the car windows rolled up. When vehicle windows do not allow the entry controller to see the personal characteristics of the occupants, the car windows must be rolled down before granting access

to the installation. Any personnel regardless of status who refuses to lower the mask from their face will be denied entry onto the installation.

- e. Banks, credit unions, and other secure facilities may have their own specific security requirements.
3. It is important to know that wearing a face covering is not a substitute for the safety protocols implemented in earlier directives.
4. Personnel will not wear face coverings that have demeaning or derogatory logos, script, or imagery. More specific guidance regarding face covers in uniform is evolving at the headquarters level.
5. Leadership at all levels, will use their best judgment when it comes to color, fit, and design of face covers and approach this as a force protection issue.
6. If the covering poses a safety hazard in the performance of your duties, you are allowed to remove the mask for the completion of that duty.
7. If facial hair is longer than ¼", the facial covering will not provide optimal benefit. Consider trimming facial hair to ¼" or less.
8. This memorandum is directive and will terminate at the direction of the 21 SW/CC, in consultation with the PHEO. Any person who refuses to obey or otherwise violates its provisions may be detained and turned over to military or civilian authorities. For military members, violations are punishable under the UCMJ. For all personnel, violations are punishable under the United States Code (USC), to include 18 USC 1001, 18 USC 1382, and 42 USC 271. Additionally, any personnel who fail to adhere to this memorandum or subsequent orders may be subject to debarment (denied access to the installation).


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