



# Guidance On Use Of Masks

## Overview

- Below is the current mask guidance. DoD Force Health Protection Guidance playbook is pending signature and will provide additional guidance on masks and verification of vaccination status. Will update post release.
- Mask guidance for fully vaccinated individuals
  - Per the CDC, personnel are considered fully vaccinated against COVID-19 two weeks after their second dose in a two-dose series, or two-weeks after vaccination of a single-dose vaccine
  - This guidance also applies to vaccines authorized for emergency use by the World Health Organization
  - Maintains mask guidance for personnel who have not been fully vaccinated

## Mask Guidance for FULLY vaccinated individuals

- DSD Memo: Updated Mask Guidance for all DoD installations and Other Facilities (released 28 Jul) supersedes current guidance for fully vaccinated individuals in MARADMIN 354/21 (released 09 Jul)
  - Fully vaccinated individuals must wear masks in indoor settings at Department of Defense installations and facilities in areas of substantial or high transmission
    - Follow your installation guidance for specific mask requirements
- Local commanders may establish more stringent guidance

## Mask Guidance for NON-FULLY vaccinated individuals

- MUST wear a mask on military installations for all indoor and outdoor spaces
- If not wearing a mask, service members may be subject to adverse administrative or punitive actions

## Exceptions (applicable to ALL individuals regardless of vaccination status)

- Wear masks on public conveyances (e.g. planes, water transport, buses, trains, taxis, ride-shares) traveling into, within, or out of the U.S. and in all transportation hubs such as airports or stations
  - Extends to all DoD transportation assets (including governmental vehicles) and hubs, including those outside the U.S., excluding ships, submarines and aircraft in their operational environment
- Wear masks in correctional and healthcare settings, including DoD military medicine, dental and veterinary treatment facilities

## Additional Guidance

- Unmasked personnel must be prepared to show proof of vaccination (CDC vaccination card or other medical documentation)
- Commanders have the authority to verify vaccination status of Service Members
- Supervisors may not inquire about or verify the vaccination status of civilian employees unless there is a reasonable basis to believe the unmasked employee has not been fully vaccinated, based on reliable evidence such as firsthand knowledge of voluntary employee statements



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