



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 375TH AIR MOBILITY WING (AMC)**

22 July 2022

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE

FROM: 375 AMW/CC

SUBJECT: Scott AFB COVID-19 Mask Wear Policy Update

1. In accordance with Deputy Secretary of Defense Consolidated Guidance released 29 June 2022, and because St. Clair County IL is listed as a “High” Covid-19 Community Level as defined by the CDC, all service members, federal employees, onsite contractor employees, and visitors, regardless of vaccination status, are required to wear a mask in any indoor setting while on Scott AFB subject to the below exemptions.

- a. When an individual is alone in an office;
- b. brief periods of time when eating and drinking while maintaining distancing and in accordance with instructions from commanders and supervisors;
- c. when the mask is required to be lowered briefly for identification or security purposes;
- d. when necessary as a reasonable accommodation for a person with a disability or to reasonably accommodate participation in a religious service;
- e. when clear or unrestricted visualization of verbal communication is required for safe and effective operations (e.g., air traffic control, emergency dispatch, police/fire/emergency services);
- f. when the person who would be wearing the mask is sleeping, unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance;
- g. when engaged in training in which mask wearing is not feasible or creates a hazard, such as swim qualification, amphibious, and aquatic training events;
- h. when actively participating in physical fitness activities indoors and proper distancing is maintained or if all participants engaged in a team sport are vaccinated to mitigate the risk of transmission, active participants may remove their masks;
- i. when individuals are alone (or with members of their household or close social pod) in their housing, private outdoor space, or personally owned vehicle;
- j. when personnel are operating machinery, tools, and/or other items during the use of which a mask would present a safety hazard (for example, the use of a gaiter may be needed for flight line safety reasons);
- k. when environmental conditions are such that mask wearing presents a health and safety hazard (e.g., extreme elevated temperatures); and
- l. when individuals are enrolled in a respiratory protection program and are wearing a respirator during the performance of duties requiring respiratory protection.

2. If there are any questions regarding these measures, please contact your chain of command.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C.M. Robinson", is positioned above the typed name.

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Commander