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MEMORANDUM FOR Faculty, Staff and Students of the Army Force Management School (AFMS)

SUBJECT: AFMS Policy Letter #17 - Commandant's COVID-19 Health Protection Procedures

1. Reference: Under Secretary of Defense Memorandum dated 1 March 2022, Subject: Updated Guidance for Mask and Screening Testing for all Department of Defense Installations and Other Facilities.

2. IAW Reference above, AFMS will follow a conditions-based strategy in dealing with mask and screening testing in our school. Effective immediately, AFMS will implement reference above as follows:

a. When the CDC COVID-19 Community Level is high in the county where a DoD installation or facility is located, indoor mask-wearing is required for all Service Members, DoD civilian employees, onsite DoD contractor personnel (collectively, "DoD personnel"), and visitors, regardless of vaccination status.

b. When the CDC COVID-19 Community Level is medium or low in the county where a DoD installation or facility is located, indoor mask-wearing is not required for DoD personnel or visitors.

c. Individuals may choose to wear a mask regardless of the COVID-19 community level.

d. Commandant AFMS will follow Commander, Fort Belvoir Garrison guidance concerning the status of COVID-19 Community Level applicable to Fairfax County, Virginia, where Fort Belvoir is located.

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3. The following outlines specific actions for all who work at AFMS:

a. All individuals (Military, Department of the Army Civilians and Contractors) must be fully immunized or possess an approved medical or religious exemption. All individuals will maintain at least six (6) feet separation from others where possible. Fully immunized means two weeks or more have passed since receipt of the second dose in a two-dose series, or two weeks or more have passed since receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine.

b. Non-immunized personnel will provide a negative COVID-19 test on a weekly basis to gain access to AFMS facilities.

c. If a fully immunized individual, during the workday feels any symptoms related to COVID-19 (e.g. fever, cough, or shortness of breath) that person must immediately isolate, notify their supervisor and leave the workplace. Sick personnel will seek medical advice as soon as practicable and avoid contact with other AFMS personnel. That person will follow the Fort Belvoir medical protocol.

d. A person with a positive diagnosis for COVID-19 will immediately quarantine (stay home) for a minimum of five (5) days from the date of diagnosis. The person will follow a symptom based strategy for returning to work consisting of at least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication, and improvement on other symptoms.

e. A person in close contact (being within 6 feet of a person with COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period, or having exposure to respiratory secretions from a person who has COVID-19 or a person living with or providing care for a person with COVID-19), having being fully immunized and with no symptoms is not required to quarantine after exposure. However, the person should get tested within 5-7 days after exposure and wear a mask in indoor public settings for 10 days or until their test result is negative.

f. Asymptomatic, non-immunized personnel with potential exposure to COVID-19 based upon close contact with a person who has a laboratory confirmed, clinically diagnosed, or presumptive case should notify their supervisor. They should follow CDC-recommended precautions at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-prevent-spread.html#precautions>.

g. As a general rule, asymptomatic, non-immunized personnel with potential exposure to COVID-19 should not return to the workplace until they have a confirmed negative COVID-19 test if one is available.

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4. The following outlines the actions for all students at AFMS:

a. Prior to entering AFMS, all resident students will report to the front of Building 247 on day one of class for in processing. Mask supplies are available at every classroom should that be required.

b. If a student is positive for COVID-19, the student will quarantine at home or the hotel and follow the procedures identified in paragraph 3d. When available, AFMS will notify the student's chain of command for any positive COVID-19 person while at AFMS. The owning unit is responsible for any additional temporary duty cost associated with an extended hotel quarantine. Travel for COVID-19 sick personnel is not authorized until a negative COVID-19 test result is provided to AFMS admin team.

c. The class leader, ICW group leaders, informs the class and ensures that any person in close contact with a positive COVID-19 observes the provisions previously stated in paragraphs 3c, 3d and 3e. Any person showing symptoms must follow the procedure stated in paragraph 3c. Per Department of Defense policy, any person who doesn't provide COVID-19 immunization status will be treated as a non-immunized person under this policy. AFMS will make every effort to connect personnel on quarantine with their respective course via Army 365 Teams as long as the individual's symptoms are benign or asymptomatic.

d. If a non-immunized person is in close contact (assumes medical or religious exemption was granted) with a positive COVID-19 person, he / she will quarantine at home or the hotel for at least five (5) days or until course termination. AFMS will notify the student's chain of command for any positive COVID-19 person while at AFMS. The owning unit is responsible for any additional temporary duty cost associated with an extended hotel quarantine. Travel for COVID-19 sick personnel is not authorized until a negative COVID-19 is provided to AFMS admin team if one is available.

e. Classroom sanitation. The class leader, ICW group leaders will ensure that all student desks and computers are wiped-off at the end of the day. Sanitation supplies will be available at every classroom.

f. Class size for resident courses will be adjusted IAW Fort Belvoir COVID-19 occupancy guidance for gatherings and training.

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