

HAFB COVID-19 FAQs

Base Posture/Access - Updated 27 March 2020

References:

HAFB COVID-19 "Directive 4, Change 3 – Base Posture Regarding Coronavirus"

HAFB COVID-19 "Directive 7 – Base Access Restriction"

Due to the rising number of cases of COVID-19 in cities outside of a 50-mile radius of Holloman Air Force Base, additional screening will occur for individuals who live in or have visited those areas, before being allowed to enter HAFB. Listed below are some FAQs on this subject. Please reference the current COVID-19 Directives, at Holloman.af.mil.

Q1: Who is being permitted on base?

A1: For those who have not traveled outside 50 miles in the preceding 2 weeks, the following are permitted:

- All active duty, guard, reserve, & their dependents
- Civilian employees & contractors deemed necessary to the mission
- Anyone seeking medical attention through 49th Medical Group
- Residents of Holloman AFB regardless of status

For those who have traveled outside 50 miles from Holloman in the preceding 2 weeks, the following are permitted:

- Active Duty, Guard, Reserve, GS civilians, and contractors that live in Las Cruces or El Paso require unit commander approval to continue accessing Holloman
- Anyone seeking medical attention through 49th Medical Group
- Residents of Holloman AFB regardless of status

Holloman residents and those seeking medical attention still require Public Health screening, but will not be denied base access despite traveling outside 50 miles from Holloman.

Q2: I normally get my medical care/prescriptions on base at the Holloman Clinic. Am I allowed on base?

A2: Yes. Anyone who uses the 49th Medical Group for their medical care will still be permitted access. If you believe you've had contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19, or if you yourself have been tested or live with someone who has been tested, call Public Health at (575) 572-4887, before coming to base. Please note: all other base access will be restricted, unless you fall under one of the groups outlined in Q1.

Q3: Is the gate closed or base on lockdown?

A3: No. The Main and West Gates are open and screening members attempting to access the base, described above in Q1. These gate statuses are subject to change as we continue to adapt to the COVID-19 situation. The La Luz gate is closed until further notice.

Q4: My family and I live in Las Cruces. Since I am considered mission required, I still need to get on base to work. What does this directive mean for me? What if my spouse wants to get on base to shop? What if they have a medical appointment?

A4: All personnel residing outside of a 50-mile radius from HAFB will need unit commander approval for continued base access. Due to the rising number of cases in Doña Ana County, your spouse and dependents will need to be screened/cleared through Public Health before gaining base access. Have the member(s) needing access call Public Health at (575) 572-4887 before travelling to base. If any of your dependents require medical care at the 49th Medical Group, they will be permitted base access.

Q5: I live in Alamogordo but I have medical appointments in Las Cruces. Will I be denied access back on base? What if I need to drive someone to the airport in El Paso?

A5: Call Public Health at (575) 572-4887 before your appointment to be briefed on proper procedures for that area. These may include, but are not limited to, only traveling to and from the medical appointment, not stopping at any other facility to shop, etc.

Q6: My family needs supplies and prefers to shop at Costco in El Paso. Will we be denied access to base after shopping there?

A6: The number of cases in cities outside of a 50-mile radius from HAFB, including El Paso, continues to rise. In order to limit exposure to COVID-19, we highly recommend finding local resources that meet your basic needs. Any member of the family who traveled outside of a 50-mile radius from HAFB will need to be cleared by public health prior to entering the base. Members who reside on base or who need access to the 49th Medical Group who normally have base access will not be denied, but may require additional screening.

Q7: I'm Active Duty—due to extenuating circumstances, my family had to travel outside of the local area recently. I live off-base, but want my family to be able to access base. How would I get my family an approval letter so my family can access the base beyond seeking medical care?

A7: Begin by calling Public Health at (575) 572-4887; they will screen your family for potential exposure risk.