

HAFB COVID-19 FAQs

Base Posture/Access - Updated 18 September 2020

Gatherings of more than 10 individuals (excluding immediate family members) are prohibited. Waiver authority is the first Colonel or equivalent in the chain of command. These guidelines apply on-base only. HAFB personnel will adhere to New Mexico Department of Health guidelines while off-base.

“Masks” (medical or non-medical face-masks, cloth face coverings, etc.) will be worn at all times indoors. Mask wear is only exempted when in a “Mask Not Required” (MNR) zone, when consuming food/beverage, or in an individual's personal living area (e.g., on-base residence, dorm room, lodging). Mask usage will not take precedence over safety or wear of other Personal Protective Equipment. Personnel are prohibited from wearing face masks with a plastic valves while on the installation.

Q1: *Who is being permitted on base?*

A1: Individuals who are requesting base access and answer **no** to either of the following screening questions will be required to answer additional questions from Public Health.

1. Have you traveled outside the state of New Mexico or El Paso County, TX in the past 14 days?
2. Have you or someone close to you tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days?

Q2: *How can out-of-state visitors be granted base access?*

A2: Visitors traveling from outside of the state must provide an itinerary signed by the sponsor's Sq/CC or receive public health screening/approval prior to receiving a visitor's pass. This is not the trusted traveler program, which is suspended until further notice. Visitors who do not live outside of the local area (within the state of NM) will need to go to the visitor's center with their sponsor to receive a pass. All out-of-state visitors must adhere to New Mexico's quarantine policies.

Q3: *I normally get my medical care/prescriptions on base at the Holloman Clinic. Am I allowed on base?*

A3: Yes. Anyone who uses the 49th Medical Group for their medical care will still be permitted access. If you have tested positive or believe you had direct contact with someone who tested positive for COVID- 19, call Public Health at (575) 572-4887, before coming to base. If at all possible, call public health 1-2 days prior to needing a clearance memo for base access to expedite your ability to get through the gate.

Q4: *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?*

A4: Begin by calling Public Health at (575) 572-4887 they will screen your family for potential exposure risk. Out of state travel may require unit commander approval.

Q5: What if my ID is about to expire?

A5: Expired ID cards will not be confiscated until further notice as long as the expiration date of the card is on or after Jan. 1, 2020. Military Personnel Flight (MPF) services for ID card renewal are still open to personnel with base access under the current restrictions.

