

HAFB COVID-19 FAQs



Restriction of Movement: Travel-Related ROM & Exposure-Related ROM

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Squadron Commanders have the authority to waive the travel itinerary and Travel ROM requirements for members who have received both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine and at least 14 days have passed after the final dose.

Q1: What is the difference between “exposure-related ROM” and “travel-related ROM”?

A1: Exposure-related ROM is monitored by Public Health. Exposure-related ROM occurs when an airman or their family member have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. The length of exposure-related ROM is eight 24-hour days. **Travel-related ROM** occurs when you have not been vaccinated and travel to/from outside of New Mexico or El Paso County, Texas. The amount of time you will be put on travel-related ROM is up to your Sq/CC and may vary at their discretion.

Q2: If I am not fully vaccinated, how long can I anticipate to be on ROM when I PCS to Holloman?

A2: If you are PCSing from a "green" installation and you have not been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, you can anticipate no ROM upon arrival. If traveling from a "red" installation or county, anticipate eight days of ROM. In all cases, contact your gaining unit commander prior to your arrival to assess the risk associated with your travel and establish appropriate risk mitigation measures (ROM, for example). For information about your location's color status, visit the COVID Travel tab on our website.

Q3: What does ROM look like? Will I be allowed to go grocery shopping?

A3: During **exposure-related ROM** you are required to stay home and are not allowed to go inside grocery stores, restaurants, gyms, etc. During **travel-related ROM** you can make one essential shopping trip, exercise outside, and get curbside carry-out so long as you are wearing your mask and maintain proper sanitation procedures.

Q4: If you are fully vaccinated, is ROM required?

A4: ROM is not required for vaccinated personnel traveling within New Mexico or to El Paso, TX. Travel outside of these locations requires unit commanders to assess the risk associated with that travel prior to approval. Other mitigation measures may be implemented, but commanders are authorized to waive ROM for vaccinated personnel.

Q5: Are there any exceptions to the length of exposure-related ROM?

A5: We are concerned for the safety of all base personnel and the local community. Each instance of exposure-related ROM will be handled by Public Health on a case-by-case basis.

Q6: How does Public Health define “close contact”?

A6: Public Health defines close contact as being within 6 feet of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 for 15 minutes or more. This is regardless of mask wear or location. If you are concerned that you may have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, **please call Public Health at (575) 572-4887.**