

# HAFB COVID-19 FAQs



**Base Posture/Access** - Last updated 30 July 2021

## **Q1: What is the mask policy for Holloman Air Force Base?**

**A1:** Effective Monday, August 2, 2021, all service members, federal employees, contractors, visitors and dependents, regardless of vaccination status, are required to wear a mask indoors (except in designated Mask Not Required areas.) This is in accordance with current DoD policy. The Installation Commander will assess updated COVID-19 rates for the local and base community to determine future guidance. This mask policy will remain in effect until further notice.

## **Q2: Are visitors being granted base access?**

**A2:** Yes. Visitors traveling from outside of New Mexico or El Paso County, TX must provide an itinerary signed by their sponsor's unit commander or receive Public Health screening and approval prior to receiving a visitor's pass. Visitors from the local area only need to go to the Visitor Center with their sponsor to receive a pass.

## **Q3: I normally get my medical care/prescriptions on base. Am I allowed on base?**

**A3:** Yes. Anyone who uses the 49th Medical Group for their medical care will still be granted access to Holloman AFB. 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 to 2 days prior to needing base access to expedite your transit through the gate.

## **Q4: I am on active duty. My family recently had to travel out of state. I live off base, but want my family to be able to access base. How do I get them an approval letter so that they can access the base beyond seeking medical care?**

**A4:** Re-entry to base following out-of-state travel will require a signed travel itinerary or a COVID-19 vaccination letter from the your unit commander. If your dependents are not fully vaccinated, commanders may impose a mandatory 14-day or 8-day ROM. In some circumstances, commanders may waive travel ROM following the member's or dependent's return to the local area. Contact your commander (or equivalent) for further details.

## **Q5: How can out-of-state visitors be granted base access if they do not have a commander?**

**A5:** All visitors that do not have a HAFB Commander (i.e. Retiree's, Dependent Retiree's, and Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC) holders) will need to contact 49th Medical Group Public Health Office @ (575) 572-4887 to be screened. Once screened, the 49th Medical Group Public Health Office will make the determination if they have passed the screening. If screening was successful and the determination has been made that the visitor does not pose a COVID-19 risk to the installation, the 49th Medical Group Public Health Office will send a Public Health Base Access Approval Memorandum to the Welcome Center prior to pass issuance.

(Note: A Public Health Base Access Approval Memorandum alone will not grant entry, Visitors still need to meet HAFB Fitness Determination Requirements and undergo a Background Check prior to pass issuance).