

# HAFB COVID-19 FAQs



Retirees/Spouses/Dependents/Visitors - 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: Is the Child Development Center open?

**A2:** Yes, every child will have their temperature checked upon sign in and all adults and children ages two and older must wear a mask in the building (with the exception of eating and naptime). The Youth and School Aged Programs are offering care as well. All children attending the Youth Center and School Age Program will also be required to wear a mask. If you or your child have traveled outside of New Mexico or El Paso County, TX in the last 14 days, clearance through Public Health is required before being admitted. For more information about screening, call the 49th Medical Group Public Health at (575) 572- 4887. For questions on care for your child, call CDC Bldg 648 at (575) 572-7505 or CDC Bldg 650 at (575) 572-7551

## Q3: Is the CDC accepting new applicants?

**A3:** Yes, incoming parents who have questions regarding their mission essential status should work with their sponsor and chain of command. For enrollment please visit <https://militarychildcare.com/>

## Q4: Are retirees allowed on base?

**A4:** Yes, retirees and all other DoD ID cardholders are allowed on base.

## Q5: Can I sponsor a visitor on base?

**A5:** Yes, visitors are allowed on base with a few additional requirements for some. If the visitor lives in the state of New Mexico or El Paso County, TX, then the sponsor will be required to get them a pass from the Visitor's Center. Visitors traveling from outside of New Mexico or El Paso County, TX, must provide an itinerary signed by the sponsor's unit commander. This is not the Trusted Traveler Program, which is suspended until further notice.

## Q6: My spouse is deployed, and I don't have childcare, can I take my kids with me to shop on base?

**A6:** Special shopping hours for single parents, spouses of deployed personnel, pregnant women, and those who are immunocompromised can shop at these times:

Commissary: Tuesdays from 1-3 P.M. and Thursdays 9-11 A.M.

BX: Tuesdays and Thursdays 9-10 A.M.

**Q7: Can my spouse/dependent travel outside of the state and get back on base?**

**A7:** All DoD ID cardholders are required to work through their sponsor's unit commander for out-of-state travel approval to gain access to the base. Dependents and family members wishing to travel out of state who do not plan to enter base for 14 days following their return do not need to route a letter.

The Travel ROM program is run by Sq/CCs and they have the discretion to assign or waive ROM requirements based on the person's travel plans, activities while traveling, and vaccination status.

**Q8: Is the Youth Center and School-Age Program taking the place of in-school sessions?**

**A8:** No, the Youth Center and School-Age Programs are not available to support airmen with school-aged children who need supervision instead of in-school sessions.

**Q9: How will Youth Center/School-Age Program staff ensure students are practicing physical distancing and keeping their masks on?**

**A9:** The staff have implemented extensive sanitation procedures to ensure the safety and wellness of all students. For example, there will be no water fountains. Masks are required at both the Youth Center and School Age Program.