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8 FIGHTER WING SENIOR STAFF DIRECTIVE		
SUBJECT: Mask Wear		DATE: 7 March 2021 TIME: 1700L
TITLE: COVID-19 RESPONSE	SSD NO. 21-2 CHANGE 3	TYPED NAME & SIGNATURE Christopher B. Hammond, Colonel, USAF
DISTRIBUTION		
8 CPTS		X
8 FW WSA		X
8 OG and All Subordinate Units		X
8 MSG and All Subordinate Units		X
8 MXG and All Subordinate Units		X
8 MDG and All Subordinate Units		X
Tenant Units (AFOSI, ADC, AFN, Red Cross, 411 CSB, 2 CAVN BDE, 35 ADA)		X
REMARKS		
<p>1. In accordance with the Secretary of Defense memorandum on <i>Use of Masks and Other Public Health Measures</i> dated 4 Feb 21, Secretary of the Air Force memorandum on <i>Use of Masks</i> dated 16 Feb 21, and USFK mask wear guidance; the following requirements are updated for Kunsan AB.</p> <p>2. On and off-base, mask wear is mandatory in all facilities and maintain 6 feet of spacing unless meeting one of the exemptions below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. When an individual is alone in an office with floor-to-ceiling walls AND the door closed. b. For brief periods of time while eating or drinking while maintaining distancing in accordance with CDC guidelines and instructions from commanders and supervisors. c. When the mask is required to be lowered for identification or security purposes. d. When necessary to reasonably accommodate or communicate with an individual who has a disability. e. To accommodate a religious belief or act f. When actively participating in indoor or outdoor physical fitness activities, and either proper physical distancing is maintained, or additional measures are implemented to mitigate the threat of transmission. g. Within an individual's residence/barrack/living quarter/yard, either alone or with immediate members of the household. h. When a documented, underlying health condition exists, that prohibits the wear of a mask, AND in the possession of a medical health care provider's note/letter that outlines the condition which prevents the wear of a mask. i. When use substantively interferes with the proper wear and use of personal protective equipment (PPE) necessary for the accomplishment of one's military duties. j. When personnel are in primary aircrew positions during critical phases of flight or emergencies; or when using flight crew oxygen equipment. k. When clear or unrestricted visualization of verbal communication are essential to safe or effective operations. l. When outside on the flightline or when controlling at RAPCON/tower due to mission impediment. <p>3. Additionally, coordination for temporary unmasking for necessary mission requirements shall be routed to the installation commander.</p> <p>4. Off base, mask-wear is required at all times. As of October 13, 2020, any person found not wearing an appropriate mask that covers both their nose and mouth at public places off installation may be fined up to 100,000 won (approximately \$87) by the Republic of Korea (ROK) government.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. According to the ROK Public Health standards, only certain types of masks are authorized by the Korean CDC for wear off base. The following masks are NOT authorized and could result in the same fine incurred for not wearing a mask: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Balaclavas, neck gaiters, mesh masks, masks with a valve, clothing items or scarves, or any mask that is not worn to cover both nose and mouth. 		

- b. **The only authorized masks for off-base wear are reusable cloth masks or valveless medical masks.**
- c. Members may remove their masks when actively participating in an outdoor activity that permits 6 feet between participants (running, hiking, biking etc.).

5. **Active duty service members** must wear a face mask IAW with guidance above and in accordance with ROK government requirements. Masks recommended by the CDC include non-medical disposable masks, masks made with breathable fabrics, masks made with tightly woven fabric, masks with two or three layers, and masks with inner filter pockets. Acceptable colors are tan, black, white, brown, blue or olive drab green in color. Small unit patches or insignia can be displayed on either side of the face mask, not to exceed 2 inches by 2 inches in size. When not in uniform, any mask color or pattern that is not offensive is authorized.

6. **DoD employees, KN civilian employees, DoD retirees, contractors, dependents, and any other persons with access to Kunsan AB** must wear a face mask compliant with CDC recommendations. Masks recommended by the CDC include non-medical disposable masks, masks made with breathable fabrics, masks made with tightly woven fabric, masks with two or three layers, and masks with inner filter pockets. Acceptable colors are tan, black, white, brown, blue or olive drab green in color. When not in uniform, any color or pattern that is not offensive is authorized.

7. Upon arrival at Kunsan, members will be issued at least one reusable cloth mask that is in compliance with ROK standards. If the issued mask is lost, members may contact their First Sergeant or COVID-19 unit representative for a replacement. Members may also purchase additional masks on their own that are compliant with this guidance.

8. **This order is issued pursuant to my authority as the installation commander and my declaration of a Public Health Emergency (PHE). Any military member who refuses to obey this order and its restrictions may be subject to punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). Those not subject to military law who refuse to obey or otherwise violate the foregoing restrictions may be denied installation access or be barred from the installation for a period up to two years.**

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