AIR FORCE GUIDANCE ON USE OF CLOTH FACE COVERS

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

To the extent practical without significantly impacting mission, all individuals on Department of the Air Force property, installations and facilities are required to wear cloth face coverings when they cannot maintain six feet of physical distance in public areas or work centers.

Any cloth items worn as face coverings should be functional, clean and maintained in compliance with current Air Force instructions, and should cover the mouth and nose.

Face Masks*
Neck Gaiters/Warmers
Balaclavas

*N-95 and surgical masks should be reserved for healthcare workers.

Guidance applies to total force military personnel, DoD civilian employees and contractors, family members and all individuals on DAF property, installations and facilities.

Note: Guidance above does not apply within a personal residence on a military installation.

Cloth face covering does not prevent the wearer from getting sick, but may prevent the spread of the virus from the wearer to others.