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**MEMORANDUM FOR ALL DEFENSE HEALTH AGENCY PERSONNEL
ALL DEFENSE HEALTH AGENCY MILITARY MEDICAL AND
DENTAL TREATMENT FACILITIES**

SUBJECT: Defense Health Agency Updated Mask Guidance

References: (a) DSD Memorandum, Updated Mask Guidance for Vaccinated Persons, dtd 13 May 2021
(b) DCPAS Message 2021041, Subject: Updated Mask Guidelines for Vaccinated Persons.

This guidance is applicable to all Department of Defense (DoD) personnel, contractors, patients, and visitors in the Defense Health Agency (DHA) administrative and military medical and dental treatment facilities. The memorandum implements References (a) and (b).

Effective May 13, 2021, the DoD provided updated guidance on mask usage. Those who are fully vaccinated, and at least two weeks beyond their final dose, are no longer required to wear a mask indoors or outdoors on military installations.

Although the updated guidance applies to all military installations and facilities, personnel should continue to comply with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance regarding areas where masks should be worn; this includes healthcare facilities (i.e. Military Medical and Dental Treatment Facilities) and airports. Personnel who are not fully vaccinated should continue to follow applicable DoD mask guidance, including continuing to wear masks indoors.

There is no intent in the updated DoD guidance for supervisors to question employees or ensure proof of vaccination prior to entry to military installations or facilities. Additionally, supervisors are not authorized to question or inquire into the vaccination status or use of vaccination information about employees' vaccination status to make decisions about how and when employees will report to the workplace instead of teleworking.

Any questions about this updated guidance may be addressed to the DHA Deputy Assistant Director, Administration and Management, (J1) Mr. Ronald A. Hamilton at (703) 681-6424 or Ronald.a.hamilton2.civ@mail.mil.

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