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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL 186 ARW PERSONNEL

FROM: 186 ARW/CV

SUBJECT: 186 ARW Guidance on Use of Cloth Face Coverings

References: (a) Secretary of Defense Memorandum, "Department of Defense Guidance on the Use of Cloth Face Coverings", 5 April 2020
(b) Department of the Air Force Memorandum, "Department of the Air Force Guidance on Use of Cloth Face Coverings", 5 April 2020
(c) AFI 36-2903, *Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel*, 7 February 2020

1. This memorandum is issued pursuant to References a and b relating to the use of cloth face coverings to prevent the spread of illness. This memorandum applies to Military Personnel, DoD Civilian Employees, State Employees, DoD Contractors, and all other individuals that come on Key Field Air National Guard Base.
2. Personnel that come on Key Field are expected to have a cloth face covering available for use at all times. Cloth face coverings will be utilized at the front-gate security checkpoint for both security personnel and personnel arriving in their vehicles, at any screening location, at customer service locations when customers are present, for in-processing and out-processing of personnel, and any other situation that requires working within 6 feet of other individuals.
3. Medical has issued exam masks for those personnel requiring frequent mask usage. These masks are disposable, limited in supply, and should be prioritized for those personnel that come into regular contact with other people. All other personnel should create a cloth face covering using available resources (e.g. sand colored t-shirt). Directions for making do-it-yourself face coverings can be found on the CDC website, the 186 ARW homepage, or the AF Connect app.
4. Per References b and c, face coverings worn by uniformed military members will be conservative, professional, and in keeping with dignity and respect. Any cloth items worn as face coverings (i.e., neck gaiters, neck warmers, balaclavas, etc.) should be functional, cleaned, and maintained in compliance with current Air Force instructions and should cover the mouth and nose. Commanders and supervisors will ensure that do-it-yourself coverings meet the above criteria, until such time that a face covering can be issued to personnel.

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