



## **U.S. Southern Command Guidance Joint Task Force Guantanamo Bay (JTF-GTMO) Covid-19 Preventative Measures**

To mitigate the risk of COVID-19 transmission to the detainee population and ensure the health and welfare of all JTF-GTMO personnel, the following protocols are hereby implemented regarding all detainee-visitor meetings, to include the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and legal meetings. All visitors to JTF-GTMO designated detention facilities must receive a negative test within 72 hours of arrival to Naval Station Guantanamo Bay (NSGB) and complete 10 days of Restriction of Movement (ROM) if not fully vaccinated. Per Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines, visitors who have received two (2) Pfizer or Moderna vaccines or one (1) of the Johnson & Johnson/Janssen vaccines plus two (2) weeks are considered fully vaccinated.

- All visitors into designated detention facilities must have a compelling and justified reason for access.
- There will be random sample temperature screening of ALL JTF-GTMO staff and visitors entering the designated detention facilities.
- Facemasks must be worn by visitors and detainees at all times in meeting spaces. Facemasks will be of the cloth type, surgical mask, or N95 mask. Facemask must be worn over both the nose and mouth.
- Visitors must either wash their hands with soap and water for a minimum of 20 seconds or sanitize their hands with alcohol-based hand sanitizer immediately before entering and immediately after exiting the meeting room as directed by the JTF-GTMO staff.
- There will be NO Physical contact with detainees. Social distancing of a minimum of six (6) feet between visitor and detainee must be observed at all times. Transfer of approved legal items (paper, writing utensils, etc.) is authorized in accordance with applicable Standard Operating Procedures (SOP).
- Meeting rooms will consist of a table and chairs and be clearly marked with lines to ensure detainee and visitor(s) maintain at least six (6) feet of social distance.
- Rooms will be sanitized by JTF-GTMO staff before the start of each meeting with standard disinfectant cloths – to include cleaning of the door handles, tables, chairs, pens, light switch if applicable, and any other high-touch areas in the room.
- Visitors are prohibited from bringing in food products for detainees. The passing of approved paper documents is allowed.
- JTF staff will ensure that the air conditioner is in the “ON” position and not the “AUTO” position at all times when detainee is in the meeting room.

- The following requirements are instituted for all visitors:
  - Any individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 – regardless of type of test, vaccination, or booster status – will not interact with a detainee until after 10 days from the date of their positive COVID-19 test result.
  - Any individual who is a close contact of a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 - regardless of type of test, vaccination, or booster status – will not interact with a detainee until 5 days after notification. A negative test at or after 5 days from notification is required before interacting with detainees.
  - No individual, regardless of vaccination/booster status or test result will interact with a detainee while experiencing COVID-19 symptoms (fever, body aches, vomiting, etc.)
  - All persons interacting with detainees shall be fully vaccinated, as defined above.
- This order supersedes JTF-GTMO-CJTF MEMORANDUM FOR ALL personnel assigned to and/or visiting Joint Task Force Guantanamo, dated 15 January 2022 and is in effect until modified or rescinded.