



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

In order to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 transmission to detainees, service members, DoD Civilians, and contractors at JTF-GTMO, the Commander, U.S. Southern Command has implemented the following procedures for all individuals requesting access to JTF-GTMO facilities. These precautionary measures apply to anyone entering the JTF area. This guidance adheres to and supplements current Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Department of Defense (DoD) guidance.

- Fully vaccinated personnel and visitors who meet CDC/DoD COVID-19 vaccination guidance are no longer subject to a Restriction of Movement (ROM) upon arrival at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay (NSGB).
- Those not fully vaccinated will conduct a minimum 14-day ROM upon arrival at NSGB. Staff and visitors will be screened for symptoms and exposures to Covid 19 daily prior to entry.
- All personnel and visitors must have a negative COVID test within 72-hours of your departure to NSGB. Individuals who have proof of a COVID19 infection within the past 90 days may be exempted, with proper medical documentation and approval from the Joint Medical Group (JMG)
- All personnel and visitors, regardless of vaccination status, are subject to COVID screening & surveillance testing as directed by the Commander, JTF-GTMO and/or Commander, NSGB.
- Guard force/medical staff/visitors must wear a well-fitted cloth face mask (minimum) and maintain at least six feet social distancing in the presence of a detainee or when operating within a detainee accessible area. If social distancing is not possible due to facility constraints, expect to utilize additional administrative controls e.g., (plexiglass) to mitigate the risk of COVID exposure and transmission. Removal of the PPE in violation of this requirement at any time by a visitor will be cause for cancellation of the visit.
- All personnel will frequently utilize hand-sanitizer.
- Sentinel surveillance COVID testing will be conducted at Detention camp entrance. Test must be negative in order to gain entrance.
- Any deviation to this policy for emergency situations will be adjudicated on a case-by-case basis. These policies apply to all personnel and visitors within the JTF-GTMO area. Personnel and visitors will adhere to NSGB policies/procedures outside of the JTF-GTMO area.

JTF-GTMO Guard Force Preventative Measures (In addition to the above)

- Strictly adhere to all CDC and DoD guidelines to reduce risk of COVID transmission.
- Ensure all personnel report recent travel and/or possible COVID-19 exposure.
- Limit physical contact, practice enhanced personal hygiene, maintain social distancing, and utilize PPE (to include wearing of face masks) in all JTF-GTMO areas of operation.

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