



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, the following protocols are hereby implemented regarding all detainee-visitor meetings, to include the International Committee of the Red Cross and legal meetings:

All visitors to Joint Task Force-Guantanamo (JTF-GTMO) designated detention facilities must receive a negative test within 72 hours prior to arrival at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay (NSGB), receive a negative test upon arrival to NSGB, and complete 14 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. Unless the Commander, NSGB, directs otherwise, all visitors must receive a negative COVID test prior to release from ROM. Medical personnel will coordinate for the administration of a COVID test on the last day of ROM for each visitor.

Effective 16 FEB 22, Any persons testing positive for COVID-19 will isolate for 5-days IAW CDC Guidance. Medical screening will be conducted on Day 5 and if asymptomatic, will be released from Isolation. Symptomatic persons will remain in isolation for additional 5 days. Persons medical cleared on day 5 will not be permitted access to detainees until 10 days following positive COVID-19 test.

- All visitors entering designated detention facilities must have a compelling and justified reason for access.
- There will be random sample 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. A 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 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.
- 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 or drink 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.
- This order supersedes all previous "Joint Task Force Guantanamo Bay (JTF-GTMO) Covid-19 Preventative Measures" and applies to all personnel assigned to and/or visiting Joint Task Force Guantanamo until modified or rescinded.