



## 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. JTF-GTMO medical facilities are capable of isolating, quarantining, and treating detainees as medically required.

- Minimum 14-day Restriction of Movement (ROM) for all JTF-GTMO personnel and visitors seeking access to JTF-GTMO area of operation upon arrival on-island. Access to JTF-GTMO is authorized after completion of the ROM period and medical review by JTF-GTMO medical staff (no temperature at/above 100.4 degrees and free of COVID-19 signs/symptoms).
- Guard force/medical staff/visitors must wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) provided by JTF-GTMO when within six feet of any detainee or detainee accessible area (i.e. face mask, eye protection, gloves). The use of other administrative controls and physical barriers (i.e. plexiglass) will be used to enhance the aforementioned health protection measures. Removal of the PPE in violation of this requirement at any time by a visitor will be cause for cancellation of the visit.
- Medical checks of all guard force members and visitors prior to entering camps will be conducted by JTF-GTMO personnel. Guards/medical staff will deny access to anyone with a temperature at/above 100.4 degrees or exhibiting COVID-19 signs/symptoms.
- Guard force will sanitize all items prior to entry into the detainee camps, to include any item the detainee is expected to have contact with. This includes recreational items, food containers, movement vehicles, and comfort items. Detainee meals will be provided exclusively by JTF-GTMO. Outside food and drinks are not currently permitted in meetings with detainees.
- Minimize incidental contact with detainees and/or their living/recreational spaces.
- Provide educational material and instruct JTF-GTMO personnel on specific COVID-19 hygienic preventive measures and Naval Station Guantanamo Bay directed instructions and policies. Provide the same level of instruction to the detainees. Include procedures outlined in CDC COVID-19 and DoD guidelines, to include: hand washing, social distancing, distancing between motor vehicle passengers, proper wear of PPE, and disinfecting techniques and procedures. Translate material as applicable.
- Provide detainees PPE and inform detainees they can self-isolate at their request.
- Develop procedures for exceptions to these requirements applicable on a case by case basis if necessary, in emergency situations.

### **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.
- Ensure all personnel complete a 14 day Restriction of Movement (ROM) upon arrival at NSGB.
- 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.
- Implement more stringent COVID-19 control measures upon increased HPCON requirements from NSGB Commander.

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