

**86th Airlift Wing**  
**COVID-19 Event Guidance**  
as of 6 September 2021

**PURPOSE**

The below guidelines are provided to ensure ceremonies and events conducted in 86th Airlift Wing facilities on Kaiserslautern Military Community (KMC) installations are conducted safely and in conjunction with COVID-19 mitigation measures. Adherence to these guidelines and procedures is mandatory. Private social gatherings held either in a private home or in public areas on KMC installations are not covered by this document. Units are required to comply with current host nation and Department of Defense (DoD) COVID-19 mitigation measures. These measures can be found in the following locations:

The current host nation ordinance can be found by selecting the “Latest Ordinance” link on the Ramstein Air Base COVID-19 webpage. <https://www.ramstein.af.mil/COVID-19/>

All DoD guidance can be found at:

<https://www.defense.gov/Explore/Spotlight/Coronavirus/Latest-DOD-Guidance/>

**GENERAL EVENT GUIDANCE**

Guidance for social distancing, mask wear, contact tracing, testing, advanced booking, and additional measures can be found in the latest host nation ordinance and must be followed in addition to the following guidance:

- Mask Requirement: All guests and participants will wear a medical face mask (OP mask), KN95/N95, FFP2, or a comparable mask.
  - Mask wear must be in compliance with the latest Rheinland-Pfalz ordinance rules for events. Non-vaccinated individuals are required to wear a mask at all times during an event, even while seated, in accordance with SECDEF Force Health Protection Guidance.
- Pre-Event COVID-19 Screening: Prior to attending an event, members must be screened for potential COVID-19 symptoms and close contact. Units are responsible for screening members prior to an event using a method of their choosing.
- Sanitation: Chairs, tables, and other items are to be wiped down prior to the start of the event and then again during tear down.
- In person events should be conducted outdoors to the maximum extent possible.

**OFFICIAL CEREMONY/EVENT GUIDELINES**

Units are still encouraged to conduct official events in the virtual environment to the maximum extent possible. The following guidance is to be applied in addition to the general guidance provided above guidance:

- Honor Guards and formations may be used during ceremonies provided all other ceremony restrictions are complied with while conducting the detail or formation to include mask wear and social distancing. Formation member’s count towards the total number of persons allowed for the ceremony.
- Live music must follow host nation hygiene concepts posted here: <https://corona.rlp.de/de/themen/hygienekonzepte/>. This includes an increased distance

requirement of three meters and all singers must be spaced at least three meters from other band members and the crowd. The crowd cannot sing at any time.

- Pinning medals or insignia, as well as certificate and gift presentations are allowed, provided time spent inside of 1.5 meters of another member is minimized to the maximum extent possible. Physical distancing limits do not apply to members of the same household. Proffers may be used provided they are wearing a mask and minimize time inside 1.5 meters of another person.
- No receiving lines are allowed.
- Changes of Command may include a guidon/flag pass
- Project Officer will be responsible to provide setup/tear down crews
  - Face coverings and gloves required

## **EVENTS INVOLVING FOOD**

In addition to the general guidance provided above, events involving food must either follow the rules of the establishment that is providing food or follow the restrictions outlined in the most current local ordinance and the host nation gastronomy hygiene concept for catering establishments. In addition the following guidelines apply:

- The Mask Requirement is mandatory with the provision that a medical face mask or a mask of the standards KN95/N95 or FFP2 or a comparable standard be worn. The mask may be removed at an individual's seat when there is proper distance and a fixed seating arrangement.
- The obligation to record contacts and pre-screen attendees is mandatory.

## **PHYSICAL FITNESS EVENTS**

Events of a physical nature must follow the rules and guidelines outlined in the *Sports and Leisure Time* section of the most current host nation ordinance. Larger events such as runs, ruck marches, and other such events will be divided into smaller groups of individuals, not to exceed the maximum number of participants permitted by the current host nation ordinance. Groups must maintain distance from other groups participating in the event, either by times or measured distance.

## **EXCEPTIONS TO POLICY AND QUESTIONS**

Event Organizers who wish to request an exception to this policy must submit their request through the 86 AW COVID-19 Operational Planning Team (COVID OPT) no later than 21 days prior to the event. All exception to policy requests for unit level events should be processed through the chain of command prior to submission to the 86 AW COVID OPT. For further questions on this policy, event organizers can contact the 86 AW COVID OPT at DSN 480-2966 or via email at [86aw.covid-19.opt@us.af.mil](mailto:86aw.covid-19.opt@us.af.mil).