



# COVID-19

## Q&A — COVID-19 TESTING

**Q1. Has (name of installation) had anyone test positive for COVID-19?**

A1. Statement: "There are (#) of confirmed cases of COVID-19 on (installation). (Installation) leadership is continually monitoring the situation and working closely with the (insert state) Department of Health to coordinate prevention and response efforts in the local area. We are providing installation personnel and their families with up-to-date information on appropriate measures to prevent potential spread of the virus, as well as any impact to local activities."

**Q2. Can you identify who the individual is that has tested positive?**

A2. No. Due to HIPAA and privacy considerations, we cannot identify individuals who test positive.

**Q3. What unit or organization are they with?**

A3. The individual works in (state the name of the organization).

**Q4. What has been done to inform co-workers and others who may have come into contact with the individual?**

A4. We provide installation personnel and their families with up-to-date information on appropriate measures to prevent potential spread of the virus, as well as any impact to local activities. Personnel who are at elevated risk of getting COVID-19 due to possible contact with an individual confirmed to have COVID-19, and/or individuals with symptoms and possible travel history to an area of elevated risk, are being screened for the disease. We are aggressively informing our workforce about COVID-19, FHP actions, and precautions they should take such as self-monitoring, staying home if ill, seeking medical care from their physician. They are encouraged to follow the guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The risk of contracting the new coronavirus virus is low, but CDC officials recommend taking everyday preventive actions to help preclude the spread of germs. We encourage all Air Force personnel and their families to continue to practice proper hygiene as the best way to prevent the spread of viruses. This includes washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Also, avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands and avoid close contact with those who are sick. Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces should also be done.

**Q5. How many people are being monitored or have self-isolated?**

A5. The number of personnel being screened for COVID-19 is managed by medical personnel, and individual statuses change daily. We are unable to provide this number.

**Q6. What do you do when someone tests positive?**

A6. In the event that a military Air Force member or dependent tests positive for COVID-19, each medical facility has plans in place for treatment, and will take appropriate measures to mitigate the spread of the virus. The patient will be isolated appropriately in a private room with a door and its own bathroom, if available. The appropriate Personal Protection Equipment will be available to the patient and the staff consistent with CDC guidelines. Actions to protect patients and staff include education and future contact tracing if required. For civilian government employees, their care may be provided through their civilian medical providers. Air Force officials at all levels are working closely with the local/regional health departments and the CDC to validate our preparedness for public health emergencies.

**Q7. What are you doing about personnel who are at risk?**

A7. Personnel who are at elevated risk of getting COVID-19 due to possible contact with an individual confirmed to have COVID-19, and/or individuals with symptoms and possible travel history to an area of elevated risk, are being screened for the disease. Typically, the individual is isolated at home and waiting for the results of a COVID-19 test. Once the COVID-19 test results are available, a care plan will be developed that protects the health of our member and our team.

**Q8. Have you had any deaths as a result of COVID-19 at your installation (any employees)?**

A8. Confirmation of COVID-19 deaths at a particular installation may be provided after OSD and/or AF release has been made (until further guidance has been provided).