

Frequently Asked Questions:

What can I do to stop the spread of COVID-19?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has a guide on staying safe here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/get-your-household-ready-for-COVID-19.html>

What are restrictions on work?

Nellis AFB continues to provide advanced operational testing, tactics and training to support the Air Force and our Allies and is still open to all personnel with valid identification. Military personnel should contact unit leadership for mission support guidance.

What are the Nellis AFB local movement restrictions?

Nellis Air Force Base is committed to protecting the health of our Airmen and preserving the ability to conduct operations for the defense of our nation. As a result of the continuing spread of COVID-19 across the globe, the Department of Defense has restricted domestic travel. The following defines the “local area” and social distancing requirements as they apply to Nellis AFB personnel.

Effective 16 March 2020 the following policies apply to personnel assigned to Nellis AFB:

- The local area for the purpose of this policy will be defined by your commander.
- All leave and passes outside the local area beginning on or after 16 March 2020 have been cancelled.
- When off-duty, personnel shall not attend events/social gatherings with more than 10 people.
- Route all requests for exception to policy when there are compelling cases of mission-essential travel, humanitarian reasons, or extreme hardship through your chain of command to the first General Officer.

How do current movement restrictions affect Nellis AFB families and civilians?

All personnel are strongly encouraged to limit movement off-installation. Civilian personnel are not directed, but are strongly encouraged to follow the recommendations.

Are the Child Development Centers on base still open?

The Nellis AFB Child Development Centers are available to mission essential personnel only. Please talk with your supervisor to determine if you are mission essential.

Can I go to the Commissary or BX?

Nellis AFB is still open to all personnel with valid identification. However, out of an abundance of caution, we recommend prioritizing use of the gym, BX, Commissary, and eating establishments to active duty, dependents, and mission-essential civilian and contractor personnel only. This decision was made out of an abundance of caution to protect the health of our Airmen and families and to continue flying, fighting and winning.

Is the hospital still seeing patients and can I still get prescriptions?

The Hospital and Pharmacy will continue to support all of our valued patrons with appointments and prescriptions. Prior to the appointment, verify with your provider that the medical appointment is still scheduled. The satellite pharmacy will not have the waiting lobby open and requests that non-urgent prescriptions are filled utilizing the drop box next to the ticketing kiosk for next day pickup.

I am supposed to PCS during this time, can I still go?

There is currently a government-directed stop-movement for government employees. You can find more information on the travel restrictions here:

https://media.defense.gov/2020/Mar/13/2002264688/-1/-1/1/FAQ_TRAVEL_RESTRICTIONS.PDF?fbclid=IwAR1aEszq_dYYyA-Dm92y-Pj1NuyaV66iMPqKLn0vLtGvjw-YOZNuSnir7x8#.Xm0IX_nY2Yg.facebook

I have an appointment with _____ organization—is it still on?

Please call ahead and verify prior to attending. This is an ever-evolving situation and previously-planned schedules may have shifted.

I am feeling sick and have cold or flu symptoms, should I go to the doctor?

A medical visit is not required for typical cold or flu symptoms. Stay home, drink plenty of fluids and use over the counter medicines to treat your symptoms. Do not return to work until you have been fever-free for 24 hours and your symptoms have resolved. If you have persistent high fevers, shortness of breath, uncontrollable pain or other severe symptoms, then seek medical attention. You can call 1-800-TRICARE for the Nurse Advice Line in order to receive advice on symptoms. If you are experiencing a medical emergency, dial 911.

I am feeling sick, should I stay home from work?

All personnel should stay home if they are feeling sick. Military personnel coordinate through the chain of command. Civilian and Contractor employees should follow prescribed processes.

If I have symptoms, will I be tested?

According to Centers for Disease Control guidelines, only individuals with risk factors for COVID-19 exposure should be tested at this time. Any individual (yourself, persons living with you, or persons visiting you) meeting the following criteria should notify their commander who will contact 99 MDG Public Health to determine whether they need to be tested.

- Travel to China, Iran, Korea or Europe in the past 14 days
- Close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19
- Close contact with someone returning from these countries/regions in the past 14 days
- Cruise ship travel worldwide in the past 14 days

Below are the Air Force and CDC resources for COVID-19. They are updated in real time with the most up to date information.

- Air Force COVID-19: <https://www.af.mil/News/Coronavirus-Disease-2019/>
- CDC COVID-19 Info: <https://www.cdc.gov/covid19>